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ROBBERIES USED DYNAMITE.

Dug a Hole Through Stone Vault and Blew Up Treasure Chest.

(Associated Press.) Superior, Neb., Dec. 25.—The state bank at Webster, Kansas, seven miles south of here, has been dynamited and robbed of \$1,000 in cash. The robbers dug a hole through the stone vault large enough to admit a man and blew open the steel chest which contained the money. They then escaped.

CHIEF OF TRIBE DEAD.

(Associated Press.) Peshawar, Punjab, Dec. 26.—Hadda Mullah, who caused so many outbreaks on the northwest frontier of India, died on December 22nd.

BALFOUR ILL.

The Premier Suffering From Attack of Indigestion.

(Associated Press.) London, Dec. 26.—Premier Balfour is confined to his bed at Whitehall, Scotland. He is suffering from a sharp attack of indigestion.

SHOT IN SELF-DEFENCE.

Bradford, Pa., Dec. 24.—At Olivedale, a small hamlet near here, yesterday, Mrs. Edward Braddock shot Jim Ryan dead. Ryan entered the woman's house during her husband's absence. She saw him sneaking and, fearing trouble, got the pistol out of a drawer and held it under his apron. When he attacked her she fired once, killing him instantly. A coroner's jury returned a verdict of justifiable homicide. Ryan, who was a laborer employed about the place, had been drinking heavily for several days.

HOW VICTORIANS SPENT CHRISTMAS

ECCENTRIC WEATHER BUT LITTLE HEADED

Hospitals, Homes and Jails Were Kindly Remembered—In Various Institutions.

Victoria has enjoyed more favorable meteorological conditions than the brand of weather handed out by the clerk of this important department yesterday. Early in the morning there was a spirited continuation of the rainfall that made Christmas Eve disagreeable. About 9 o'clock there was a change for the better and Jupiter Pluvius treated himself to a bird's-eye view of the city to satisfy himself that the day was one of unalloyed pleasure. Having made this discovery he then retired and Boreas took a hand in the proceedings, dispensing his choicest sou'wester with unappreciated prodigality. Altogether the most notable feature in Victoria on Christmas Day was the eccentric weather, so absolutely un-Christmas like that only the gay laughter of the little ones made happy by their gifts, the noble turkey on the festive board and the depleted exchange corroborated the calendar.

But Christmas is a day for home observance, for custom has made it so. Families were reunited around the tree if there was one, and most assuredly around the table (and there was one), greetings were on every lip, friendships in every heart, and statesmen, professional men, merchants and laboring men, forgot their daily worries in serene, undisturbed enjoyment. The eccentricities of the weather, therefore, were little heeded. Speaking of the weather, however, recalls to mind a verse in the Christmas number of the Gentlewoman to which Mr. Baynes Reed draws attention. It is as follows:

If Christmas Day on Thursday be,
A windy winter you shall see;
Windy winter in each week,
And hard tempests strong and thick;
But summer shall be good and dry,
Corn and beasts shall multiply.

Christmas has fallen on a Thursday in 1800, 1884 and 1879. It is to be sincerely hoped that the prophecy in the above verse is as bad as the rhyme.

A very delightful day was spent at the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home from 2 o'clock until 11.30 p. m. The ladies' committee in connection with the home, who cannot be excelled for the heartiness of their benevolent services, had had Christmas Day in view for some weeks. They thought of the many among the soldiers and sailors stationed at the Point, who would probably experience a sense of loneliness during Christmas inseparable from enforced separation from home and loved ones, so they determined on a Christmas "At Home" at the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home. It was carried out in no mean order. With the assistance of the ladies in red and blue, they had first tastefully decorated the home with holly and other evergreen. Every man in the King's uniform who came on the scene was warmly welcomed, and made to feel at home. In the rooms upstairs (furnished for the day with borrowed articles), he was introduced to various seasonable games, and the afternoon went merrily until 6 o'clock, when high tea was served in the large hall. About seventy-five sat down, and were asked to "take their time and do justice," which they did. At the close of the meal the health of the ladies was proposed in a neat little speech by F. J. Bailey, one of the chief promoters of the home. After a hearty expression of thanks from the ladies were demanded, and finally this was voted by Mrs. Giffin. Speeches were also made by Messrs. MacLeod and Mills, R. N., Sergt. Rapson, R.E., and Mr. Harker, H. M. S. Virago. Mr. Bailey then proposed the health of the chaplain, Rev. J. P. Hicks, to whose fidelity and energy he attributed mainly the establishment of the home. Hicks responded by a short speech, describing that gentleman as his "first lieutenant," and saying that the work would hardly have been carried out by him except for Mr. Bailey's constant support. For him he would propose three cheers, which were heartily given. Games and singing were then resumed until about 11.30. Several of the guests declared the occasion to have been the happiest Christmas day they had spent since entering the service, and said they could not sufficiently thank those who had undertaken the matter. The ladies' committee and the chaplain on their part feel indebted to F. R. Stewart & Co. for a thoughtful contribution of apples and oranges; to Mr. Price, of the Okell & Morris Preserve Factory, for pickles and jams; and to H. Ross for figs. Mr. Whittier for a goose, Mr. MacLeod for a ham, and others who had sent provisions. The ladies themselves contributed abundantly of plum pudding, mince pie, Christmas cakes, etc. What is wanted now is a little further prompt generosity by the public to furnish the rooms for a formal opening of the excellent institution, and the lasting gratitude of Tommy Atkins and the Jolly Tar will be gained.

About forty patients at the Jubilee hospital enjoyed themselves in royal style. A Christmas tree well laden with gifts was provided in each ward, and all were unanimous in describing the day as one of the pleasantest in their experience. The majestic turkey, ever the very much in evidence, while fruit, cake and plum pudding contributed to a most inviting array of delectables. A tree equally well decorated was sent to the isolation hospital, and the patients there shared with their fellow unfortunates in the larger institution the delights of the day.

The children of the Protestant Orphanage were also remembered. A sumptuous dinner, games and presents made each little heart beat with happiness, and during the day the shouts of laughter which emanated from this spacious building left no room for doubt as to the enjoyment of the youngsters. In the afternoon a number of visitors were entertained, including Mayor Hayward and the secretary of the ladies' committee, Mrs. Giffin. Friends had provided a crokinole board, and before the day was over some of the little ones were quite skillful in the game.

At the Old Men's Home a splendid dinner was served, and the most enjoyable Christmas Day in the history of the institution was spent. In the evening the aged inmates were entertained by Manager and Mrs. Hobbs, the latter rendering a number of songs, which were heartily appreciated. A similar time was enjoyed at the Home for the Aged and Infirm Women.

In the provincial jail there was no turkey, but a substantial substitute, a royal roast beef, cheered the hearts and delighted the palates of the inmates. Many visitors called during the afternoon, in fact one of the attendants said that it was the largest number in the past ten years. An entertainment was provided, and altogether the day passed off most pleasantly. At the city police station the usual Christmas dinner was provided. Mrs. Jameson, who is responsible for these acts of kindness, had the pleasure of seeing ample justice done the good things placed before the inmates.

ABANDON THE SEARCH.

No Traces of Missing Mail Carriers Have Been Found—Yukon Elections.

Mail advices received from the North through the arrival of the Anur on Wednesday report that Special Constables Counts and Fountall, who have been searching for the bodies of the lost mail carriers, McIntyre and Abbey, have returned to Atlin without finding further trace of the drowned men. They had a very perilous trip over Atlin lake, being blown about by a heavy wind for a distance of 16 miles before they were able to cross. They then travelled on to Atlin, where they arrived on Wednesday. The writ for the Yukon council election has been issued, and the vote will be taken on Tuesday.

A Juneau dispatch says the death sentence that dooms Homer Bird, to be hung on the gallows at the city hall, was made by Judge Brown in open court. Judge Brown made a few feeling remarks of sorrow for Homer Bird's faithful wife.

THOUSANDS HOMELESS.

People of Andijan Refuse to Leave the Stricken City. (Associated Press.) St. Petersburg, Dec. 24.—While full details of the recent earthquake in Andijan, Russian Central Asia, are not obtainable owing to the lack of communication, the brief dispatches received here describe the situation as horrible. The temperature has fallen to the freezing point and the brief dispatches received here describe the situation as horrible. One section of the city has been completely destroyed. Only one cotton gin and one school are standing. The people of the stricken city are accepting the situation stoically. Notwithstanding the offers of free transportation, they are remaining in the vicinity of the city which will be rebuilt. A substantial start has been made in the collection of a relief fund.

To Relieve Suffering. St. Petersburg, Dec. 24.—The Red Cross Society is sending representatives to Andijan, recently visited by earthquakes, to organize relief, and has contributed \$17,500 to the relief fund.

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE DEAD.

(Associated Press.) San Francisco, Dec. 26.—Associate Justice Jackson Temple, of the Supreme court of California, is dead in this city. He was 82 years of age. He came to California in 1827. In 1862 he came to California. Besides serving with distinction as judge of the supreme court, he had held several other three times elected to the supreme bench.

SIX MEN KILLED.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 24.—A special to the Republican from Trinidad, Colo., says: Six men were killed in a freight wreck, which occurred one and one-half miles north of here on the Colorado & Southern railroad, about 6.45 o'clock this evening.

EX-PRESIDENT KRUGER.

Oom Paul Longing for His South African Home.

Mr. Kruger's health has slightly improved since he arrived at Mentone, France, but it is plain to anyone that the old man's worst ailment is not physical. He looks the picture of misery. When one meets him driving in his motor car, he looks like a child he appears to be oblivious to everything around him. He never smiles, but his eyes are full of tears. He has a grand, evil which have befallen him and his country.

He again expressed a few days ago a strong desire to be permitted to return to the Transvaal and end his days near Pretoria. Some sympathizers undertook to plead his cause with British Colonial Secretary Chamberlain. Two wealthy friends even offered to go bail for \$50,000 each as a guarantee for Kruger's good behavior in South Africa.

Owing to the rain yesterday the Hunt Club did not have their outing. The run will take place from the barracks at 2.30 o'clock to-morrow instead.

The Victoria hockey team and the Baracks club meet to-morrow afternoon at 2.30 at Oak Bay. The game is one of the league matches. The Victoria team will be as follows: Backs, A. McLean, B. N. Swinerton and W. Knapp; guards, R. Gillespie, R. Jagger, J. Hart and L. York; forwards, D. M. Rogers, B. Schwengens, W. York and T. B. Tye.

FANNING ISLAND MAY CHANGE HANDS

WANTED BY BRITISH FOR CABLE PURPOSES

Captain of United States Cruiser Manning Thinks It Folly to Protect Seals for Japs.

R. M. S. Monna arrived from Sydney Brisbane, Suva and Honolulu on Wednesday night. She left Sydney on the 1st inst., and Honolulu on the 17th inst. She brought a cargo composed of 75 cases of 200 boxes butter, 10 cases soap, 61 packages rope, 12 cases pineapple, 100 cases skins, 175 bales flax and sundry packages merchandise.

The passenger list was as follows: Mr. and Mrs. S. D'Arcy Irvine, Mr. and Mrs. Miss Burnett, Mrs. Walker and son, Rev. G. Saville, Messrs. Jas. Sharp Todhunter, W. R. Dorsey, Guy Owens, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Hoeningshaus, Miss K. A. Haynes, Miss E. Rhy, Miss A. Wolf, Mrs. W. W. Carlyle, Messrs. T. F. Cahill, L. H. Pedrian, Thomas Horne, F. T. Turk, James L. Logan, W. E. Johnson, Mrs. B. Mulqueneay, Messrs. J. Flanagan, C. W. Carr, S. T. Carr, W. Parker, H. Mann, J. Hardy, F. L. Condy, K. Strachan, F. Reeves, H. Grant, T. Nordfeldt, J. Robb, M. Ahlstrom, T. Campbell, E. M. Stone, C. Plunket and G. Reid.

Mr. Burnett, his wife and daughter have been voyaging the southern Pacific and were on their way home to Vancouver. Advice received from Honolulu state that the British Cable Company, owners of the "All Red" line by which news runs along their cables from Australia to Vancouver Island, via Fanning Island, have offered a sum of money, said to be \$40,000, for a half interest in the island, owned by James and Henry Bicknell, of Honolulu. The Hawaiian Star of December 15th says: "The news that King Greig, of Fanning Island, is only 'half a king' will be a surprise to many. The interest belonging to the Bicknells is hereditary and was acquired by right of prior possession. George Bicknell, uncle of Dr. Henry Bicknell, dentist, of this city, and James Bicknell, bookkeeper for Peacock & Company, first owned the title of monarch of the atoll known as Fanning's Island. There are two islands one being merely a diminutive islet. The other is in the shape of a horseshoe surrounding a lagoon bordered seaward by the usual coral reef. Later Greig came along and entered into partnership with Bicknell. 'I have no idea how the news could have reached you,' said Mr. Bicknell. 'The figures you have quoted are incorrect, but I am not at liberty to give you any information about the deal. You can readily understand that any premature statements might spoil everything. We have been made an offer by the British people, but I cannot tell you the terms. The Bicknell interests owned by my brother and myself came from our uncle, George Bicknell, who was the original owner before going into partnership with Greig. Our interest is a half interest.'

"James Bicknell will leave on the Zealandia with authority to close the bargain should he see fit. From the fact that Greig is stated to be in partnership with the Bicknells it appears as if his interest would also be wanted by the cable people. It is possible that the Bicknell holdings in the partnership consist of the reservation of a certain portion of the island on which the cable landing has been made, and possession of this territory would give the cable people all they need. Honolulu has reaped the benefit of the Fanning's Island cable already by getting cable news from there brought by steamers ahead of the coming back of the news from San Francisco."

When the Monna left Honolulu the citizens were making preparations for celebrating the opening for business of the new San Francisco and Hawaiian cable. The Merchants' Association, backed by the Builders' and Trades' Exchange and other similar organizations, was preparing to make a fight in support of the efforts of the plantation men to secure legislation from the United States Congress allowing the importation of Chinese laborers for plantation work only, under certain restrictions. Honolulu labor unions have decided against the proposition, and will oppose the plan.

PROFITING BY RESTRICTIONS.

The commanding officer of the United States revenue cutter Manning, which during the last season has made a cruise through the southern part of Behring Sea and along the Aleutian Islands, says that the seal fisheries are certain to be destroyed by the depredations of Japanese sealing vessels, unless prohibitory measures are devised. Capt. McClellan says also that "no one on the grounds seeing the workings of the present methods of patrol and the results, it appears ludicrous for the American and British governments to be making such efforts to prevent their own sealers from gathering in the seals, thus protecting the herds that the Japanese may come in and secure the cream of the business."

This officer boarded two Japanese sealing vessels last season, and he learned that eighteen sealers had cleared from Yokohama for Behring Sea.

Supervising Special Agent Chance, of the United States treasury, heartily indorses this view of the Manning's commander. Mr. Chance says: "Reports from various sources indicate increased activity on the part of Japanese pelagic sealers in Behring Sea. The Japanese government pays to vessels owned exclusively by Japanese engaged in taking seals, whales, or certain kinds of fish, bounties not exceeding in aggregate each year 150,000 yen, or \$74,700."

"Through the United States minister to Japan it has been learned that in 1901 four vessels sailing under the Japanese flag, three of them navigated by Americans, took seals on the American side in Behring Sea, and that during the current year a number of Japanese sealers would visit Behring Sea. The minister's reports show that no foreigner has under Japanese ownership, and that vessels owned and managed both by Americans and Canadians were so engaged, and were meeting with good success."

"At the time of the wholesale seizure of Canadian and American sealing vessels, which resulted in the Paris tribunal, the English sealers were reimbursed for their losses in large amounts, but the Americans received nothing, and in 1897 the taking of seals in the Pacific ocean north of the forty-fifth degree of north latitude and Behring Sea by American vessels was entirely prohibited. It is said that many had their all invested in sealing vessels, too small for any other trade or commerce. Their only recourse was to sail under foreign flags, and at present the most favorable for their purpose is that of Japan."

Mr. Chance then recites the experience of the cutter Manning's commander during the last season and quotes Capt. McClellan's remarks. Mr. Chance adds: "This is a matter of grave importance to the Pribyloff herd, and it would seem that if no instance is made regarding the other features of the Paris arbitration, the one requirement of the award, the preservation of the sixty-mile limit, should be enforced against all comers. Even if this government has no property right in the seals, which is not granted, it would seem the proper act of a civilized nation to preserve the sixty-mile zone free from hunting, so that the female seals may safely gather food for their young on the rookeries before becoming targets for the guns and spears of the hunters. Unless the Japanese government, as an international courtesy, or for whatever reason, forbids her vessels going to Behring Sea and taking seals in the sixty-mile zone, the existence of the seal herd will be brief."

FROM THE NORTH. At 2 o'clock yesterday morning the steamer Tees came in from northern British Columbia ports with a light freight and a small number of passengers. Two of her passengers whom she landed at Vancouver were Messrs. Kirkland and Elliott, who had gone north from the Fraser on the trip of the vessel for the purpose of selecting a site for a new cannery. A place was chosen in the middle passage of the Skeena. This done the men came back on the return trip of the vessel. Officers of the Tees report that the Skeena is now full of ice. It was so thick in the river that the steamer in going up stream had to slow down to about half speed. On the night previous to arrival the crew and passengers were treated to a Christmas dinner by the Chief Steward W. Dyson. The dining saloon of the steamer was most artistically decorated. Pretty souvenir cards with pictures of the steamer and a menu of the interior were provided, and the whole event was most ably managed and cleverly conceived. Toasts were given and responded to with enthusiasm.

A NEW RULING. An important United States treasury department ruling with respect to the use of sealine garments has been received by Deputy Collector of Customs Mitten of Seattle. "It guarantees to the possessor of such articles of comfort and finery the right to wear them on leaving the United States and return, going and coming as often as one pleases, for the period of one year upon the issuance by the collector of customs, or deputy, of a certificate in accordance with the treasury regulation of December 30th, 1897."

Heretofore a lady leaving Seattle for Victoria was compelled each time, if she wanted to wear a sealine wrap or other garments of that character, to procure a certificate from the collector. Now a certificate covers the period of one year from the date of issuance.

ROUTE IS ABANDONED.

The opposition line of steamers between Seattle, Tacoma and Olympia, which was inaugurated by Captain McCormick with the steamer Walsh, has been discontinued. The Times, of Seattle, says that the Walsh was sent to the "boneyard" at South Seattle, on the Duwamish river, on Sunday evening, and to all appearances the line is a thing of the past, adding: "This move is the more astounding, as Captain McCormick assured various people the new line was a permanent one. The cost of preparing the Walsh for the run exceeded \$20,000, and the originally cost in the neighborhood of \$30,000. After all this expense of preparation, the service was discontinued in less than a week after it was inaugurated."

MARINE NOTES.

In leaving for California this evening the steamer City of Puebla will be a day late. She will carry among her passengers the following from this city: A. Cox and wife, F. Schell and wife, H. Cunningham, Mrs. Justin Gilbert and J. W. Carpenter and wife.

Tug Lorne leaves for Ladysmith to-morrow, where she takes the John C. Potter in tow for Juneau. The Potter is loaded with coal.

SINGLE TAXERS AND GRAND TRUNK

WANT ROAD BUILT BY THE GOVERNMENT

Protest Against Aid to Private Company—Minister's Gown Causes Trouble in Church.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Dec. 20.—The Single Tax Association, of Toronto, has sent a letter to members of the government protesting against the granting of any further aid to private corporations, mentioning in this case the Grand Trunk Pacific, which the association asks should be constructed as a national work.

Caused by Gown. There is a rift in the Dominion Methodist church over Minister Dr. Rose wearing a gown in the pulpit. The innovation commenced yesterday. John Brouse, representing the dissenters, walked out of the church, and says he will remain out. Dr. Rose says he will continue to wear his gown.

Life Saver Dead.

(Associated Press.) Toronto, Dec. 26.—Capt. Andrews, well known as the "Blind Life Saver," died at the hospital on Wednesday night of paralysis after a few days illness. The deceased during active life was instrumental in saving sixty persons from drowning, mostly in Toronto bay. For this he received medals from all parts of the world.

Winnipeg Clearings.

Winnipeg, Dec. 26.—The clearing house returns for the week ending December 24th were: Clearings, \$3,007,107; balance, \$477,013; for the corresponding week in 1901 the clearings were \$3,425,474, and balance, \$457,523, and for the same time in 1900: Clearings, \$1,984,804; balance, 207,730.

FATAL FIRE.

Three Men Killed and Two Badly Injured—Public Library.

(Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 26.—In a fire which shot through five factories in the river front district of Brooklyn after one o'clock this morning, three firemen were killed, two were badly injured and more than \$300,000 damage was done.

City Hall Destroyed.

Marlboro, Mass., Dec. 26.—In place of Marlboro's city hall, a fire which swept through that structure to-day is left a heap of ruins. Against the broken walls is piled a mass of debris which includes the entire property of the city's public library. The total loss is estimated from \$300,000 to \$500,000. There were 25,000 volumes in the library which was one of the best in the state outside those in the largest cities. Samuel O'Brien, a fireman, who was struck by the fragment of a wall, will probably die. It is believed the fire started in the coat room in the second story from the stump of a cigar thrown away after a basketball game yesterday evening.

SHOES GO UP.

Austrian Manufacturers Advance the Prices Ten Per Cent.

(Associated Press.) Vienna, Dec. 26.—The Austrian manufacturers have decided to advance the price of shoes ten per cent, on account of the higher cost of leather. They claim this step is due to the extensive purchases in the European markets by Americans who have practically cleaned out the continental stocks. The Austrians also profess to see increased danger to the European shoe industry from America, owing to the United States government refunding 90 per cent of the tariff on the raw article when manufactured and exported. They complain this procedure is greatly facilitated by Secretary Shaw's order admitting proof of identity by simple declaration instead of by affidavit.

TRAFFIC THROUGH CANALS.

Enormous Increase of Business During Present Year Compared With 1901.

(Associated Press.) Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Dec. 26.—The greatest volume of commerce in the history of the greatest ship canals of the world is shown by the completed statistics of traffic through the Sault Ste. Marie canals (Michigan and Ontario), for the present year, which amounted to 35,961,146 tons, exceeding 1901 by 7,558,981 tons.

HAVE REACHED DURBAN.

Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain Warmly Welcomed on Landing From Cruiser Good Hope.

(Associated Press.) Durban, Dec. 26.—Colonial Secretary Chamberlain and Mrs. Chamberlain, who left Portsmouth, England, on November 25th, on board the armored cruiser Good Hope, landed here at 10.30 this morning. They received a warm welcome from large crowds of people.



WHAT TO BUY
At Xmas time is usually a vexing question. If you are buying for a lady nothing will be more appreciated than a bottle of best perfume. We have all the latest odors by best French, English and American makers. If for a gentleman, what is more suitable than a pair of military hair brushes? We have a large stock to choose from, at prices which are very reasonable. We will be pleased to show you our stock of Xmas goods, which includes, among other things, Ebony Mirrors, Manicure Sets, Curling Sets, etc., etc. **Campbell's Prescription Store** PORT AND DOUGLAS STS., VICTORIA, B. C.

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THE BOMBARDMENT OF PORTO CABELLO

THE NAVAL RESERVE MEN WERE ENGAGED

Praise for the Newfoundlanders—President Confers With Secretary Hay Regarding Arbitration.

St. Johns, Nfld., Dec. 24.—Eighty members of the Newfoundland naval reserve are included among the crew of the British cruiser Charibdis, which recently bombarded the forts at Porto Cabello, Venezuela. It has been officially reported here that the Newfoundlanders made an excellent showing, both in gunnery and in the landing parties.

—The Blockade.

La Guayra, Vene., Dec. 24.—The Dutch steamer Prinz Willem II., from New York, arrived off La Guayra to-day, but owing to difficulties with the blockading squadron, and to the refusal of her agent to pay the port charges, she left without communicating with the shore.

The only official attention thus far given here to the Venezuelan blockade is the announcement of the post office department that mail boats leaving Bordeaux and Marseilles will cease to touch at La Guayra, Porto Cabello and Carupano, and that correspondence for Venezuela will be carried to Fort de France, Martinique, pending the blockade.

No News.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The President and Secretary Hay were in conference for some time to-day over the proposals from Great Britain and Germany that the President arbitrate the issues involved in the Venezuelan claims controversy. They went over the communications very thoroughly, considering the subject from every view point. The acceptance or declination of the proposals by the President is believed to hinge on the nature of the restrictions the allies have imposed on the arbitration. If any conclusion was reached at the conference between the President and his secretary of state, the fact was not made public.

Inquirers at the White House regarding the President's intentions were referred to Secretary Hay, and the latter said word to newspaper representatives, who called on him, that there was no news to be given out on the subject to-night.

WATCHED BY OFFICERS.

Police Will Report on Actions of the Crown Princess of Saxony.

Berlin, Dec. 24.—A dispatch from Dresden says "King George of Saxony sent several of the highest police officials to Geneva to observe and report on the actions of the fugitive Crown Princess."

"A divorce is regarded as impossible during the lifetime of King George, who entertains stringent religious scruples on the subject. The Protestant clergy, however, hope Berlin will bring pressure to bear for a decree."

The Crown Princess of Saxony beat the Crown Princess, according to an editorial statement in the Vossische Zeitung, one of the most careful newspapers published in Berlin.

The sympathy of the people of Dresden seems wholly with the Princess, who is of a cheerful pleasure-seeking disposition. The Crown Princess loved to torment her. Among the writers forbidden to her were Tolstol, Zola and Nietzsche. One day the Crown Princess saw her reading one of Nietzsche's works. He jerked the book from her hands and tore it to pieces. Prof. Giron is described as an idealist of the extreme type. It is related that his family once considered the question of confining him in an asylum because he refused a legacy on grounds of delicacy of feeling.

One hundred pounds is a stiff price to give for an old postage stamp, but it was cheerfully paid for one described as a "Baden first issue 54 green, error of color." It is stated that the highest price ever realized for a stamp included in an auction was £200.

KEPT SECRET.

No Information Given as to What Prison the Humberts Will Occupy.

Paris, Dec. 24.—As a result of the conference between Premier Combes and Minister of Justice Vale, complete arrangements have been made for the reception of the members of the Humbert family, arrested in Madrid, December 20th, but precaution has been taken not to disclose what prison the fugitives will occupy, as a popular demonstration is feared.

M. Hennion, the chief of detectives, who has gone to Madrid, is accompanied by four civil guards, four police inspectors, and two of the best detectives in the service. It is expected that they will occupy a special car with the prisoners, whose arrival in Paris is awaited with interest. The nature of the legal proceedings has not yet been definitely settled. The statement in the extradition papers that the accused are charged with swindling and irregular bankruptcy proceedings gives a general idea of the lines of the prosecution.

NAVAL EDUCATION.

New Scheme For the Training of Cadets.

London, Dec. 24.—Official papers have been issued which give full details of the new scheme for naval education, under which the training of officers is to be unified and simplified for the training of cadets for all three branches of the service: Executives, engineers and marines. The scheme, as now detailed, confirms the previous forecast. It will become operative next July. For the first seven years all cadets will receive identical training in every branch of the service, special attention being given to scientific study. Thereafter, from the age of 20, the cadets will be drafted into the different branches, and will begin to specialize. The scheme enables speedier promotion, provides for revised rates of pay, the disappearance of engineers' disabilities, and promotion to the rank of commander by selection.

GOT TEN YEARS.

New York, Dec. 24.—Thomas J. Sharkey, the private detective, who was convicted of manslaughter in the second degree for having killed Nicholas A. Fish, the banker, on September 27th, was today sentenced to the state prison for ten years.

Doctors not seldom give up a case, but a mother never does. While life lasts, while there is a spark of vitality which love's labor may fan into a flame, she toils untiringly for the child she brought into the world. And sometimes where the doctors fail the mother succeeds. She has no prejudices. Any means she will use which will save her child.

The mother's prescription given below is a case in point. Her daughter was given up by physicians as suffering from an incurable disease, called "wasting of the digestive organs." The mother prescribed Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and "Favorite Prescription," and has the happiness of seeing her daughter restored to perfect health.

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BANTAM CHAMPIONSHIP.

Forbes Awarded Fight at the Close of the Seventh Round.

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 24.—The championship bantam contest between Harry Forbes, of Chicago, and Frank Neil, of San Francisco, last night, ended in an unsatisfactory manner in the seventh round. Neil claimed that he had been hit below the belt, and danced against the ropes for a second and then fell to the floor. He was carried to his corner, and while in the ring was examined by the physicians. They stated they could see no evidence of a foul, but would give a positive decision in an hour. Referee Smith reserved his decision pending the report of the club's physicians. The public was divided as to whether or not a foul blow was struck.

Neil made a brave battle for seven rounds and took much punishment. Forbes proved to be a general in the ring, and constantly jolted his opponent. It was only in the rushes and fierce fighting that Neil made a showing. At the finish Neil claimed to be in great pain, but outside of the alleged injury he showed little punishment. At the end of one hour the physicians decided that Neil had not been injured by a foul blow. Referee Smith then declared Forbes the winner of the contest.

THE COAL SHORTAGE.

Quantity Sold to Families in the Pottsville District Will Be Limited.

Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 24.—The Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company in order to increase the supply of anthracite coal in New York and Philadelphia, has issued orders that no family in this section be permitted to purchase more than one ton of coal at a time. All employees of the company have been limited to one ton a month.

The collieries which were flooded by the rains of last week are still idle, and in consequence the anthracite production has been considerably decreased.

HOSPITAL BURNED.

One of Patients Died From Exposure and Frost.

Albuquerque, N. M., Dec. 24.—The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe hospital has been destroyed by fire, and one of the patients whose name was not learned is dead from exposure and frost. Dr. J. B. Cutler, the physician in charge, and his assistants heroically heroically in getting out the 200 patients. The property loss is \$15,000.

SOHOONERS MISSING.

It Is Feared They Have Foundered With Crews of Fourteen Men.

St. Johns, Nfld., Dec. 24.—The steamer Magnificent returned here to-day from her search for three schooners, which have been missing since the gales. The crew of one schooner was landed yesterday to Boulogne. The Magnificent failed to find the crews of the other vessels. It is believed that they foundered and that 14 persons have been drowned.

NEW RHODESIAN RAILWAYS.

Ten Million Dollars to Be Expended—The Cape-Cairo Road.

Reuter's Agency is informed that the British South Africa Company has decided to expend £2,000,000 on railways in Rhodesia. This is one of the results of the four recently undertaken by the directors of the Chartered Company, who recognize that cheap and rapid transport is urgently necessary for the further development of the country. Of the above-mentioned sum, £1,000,000 will be expended immediately, and it is expected that the work to be done for that amount will be completed by the end of next year. It will include the construction of the Cape-to-Cairo railway up to the Victoria Falls, and the cost of the steel bridge which will span the Zambezi at that point. The first million pounds will also pay for the relaying of the Tisbury-Mafeking line with rails uniform with the rest of the Rhodesian railways, the construction of a branch line from Gwelo to Selukwe, a distance of 25 miles, a branch from Bulawayo to Gwando (100 miles), a branch from Salisbury to Gwelo (30 miles), and extensive improvements on the Beira-Umtali section, near Fontevilla, in order to strengthen the line against the annual floods which have in the past greatly interrupted traffic.

By the end of 1903 the second sum, probably of £1,000,000, will be sanctioned for the purpose of carrying the Cape-to-Cairo line north of the Zambezi to the bend of the Kafu, a distance of 300 miles, in which region very extensive discoveries of copper, lead and zinc have been made. When the work in contemplation has been carried out, Rhodesia will have a total of over 2,500 miles of railway.

FOUGHT WITH STRIKERS.

Women Assisted Men in Repulsing Cossacks—Three Hundred Lives Lost.

The Arbeiter Zeitung, Vienna, describes a pitched battle between strikers and troops at Rostoff, Russia.

The director of the works recently declared that he would drive the strikers back to work with knouts, and this stirred up the population, and 30,000 collected for a demonstration. Cossacks attached to the demonstrators, killing and wounding recklessly.

After the first surprise of the attack the strikers rallied and attacked the Cossacks. Soldiers were dragged from their horses, kicked and stoned, and beaten to death. Reinforcements were summoned. The strikers pulled trees up by the roots, and with these constructed barricades. Heaps of stones and pieces of iron were carried out, and with these the troops were assailed, both from the barricades and the houses.

The troops made six attacks on the barricades, but were repulsed in each case. In the ranks of the Cossacks 2,000 women, who fought ferociously. Many of these proletarian Amazons fell victims of the Cossack's knives.

The next day an overwhelming army barred the way to the place appointed by the strikers for a meeting. The demonstrators, however, would not be thus set aside, and thousands of them swam across the river, and on the other side, where the other side, during which Oscar Nicholas was burned in effigy.

The casualties, the paper says, amounted to 300 killed and more than 1,000 injured.

Steeple pointed caps, sometimes four feet in height, came into fashion in Italy and France in 1843. They fitted the head, ran to a sharp point above and at this end the veil was fastened.



SUNLIGHT SOAP
Unless the soap you use has this brand you are not getting the best
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ROBERT DOWNING IN ROLE OF GLADIATOR

The Tragedian Gave Powerful Interpretation of the Part—Shows on Board Next Week.

Victorians last night had an opportunity of seeing the splendid tragedian Robert Downing enact a role in which he is much at home as James O'Neill in the celebrated part of Monte Cristo. Both are reputed to have played these characters three thousand times, and in each instance previous triumphs have been overshadowed by the success achieved in what must necessarily be considered a specially demanding part. Downing possesses the superb presence—physique, voice and manner—which one naturally associates with those athletic barbarians whose wonderful physical attainments were exploited to grace a Roman holiday, and it would seem that he has been wedded to the part just as his famous colleagues, O'Neill and Joseph Jefferson, are bound to the roles of Monte Cristo and Rip Van Winkle.

It takes but one big success to make a man in the realm of Theatrics, and yet critics have said that O'Neill's interpretation of Virginia was the most masterly since the Booths electrified the playgoers of two hemispheres. But whether Victorians ever see Downing in the role of the Gladiator again or not, last night's performance proved to be a limited number present that the eulogiums of critics were entirely justified. A heroic role, such as this requires a figure cast in heroic mould. Downing certainly has this requisite. His personation was strong throughout, and at times thrilling, especially in the fourth and last acts, the scene in the arena being a masterly exhibition of powerful acting. The supporting company was a fair one, some of the players giving evidence of considerable promise.

"Sandy Bottom."

The distinctive American play depends to a great extent on its portrayal of character and scenes, which are to a degree of a local nature. Thus "Arizona" deals with the citizens of the far western state of that name, and "Sandy Bottom," which is shortly to be seen here, with the peaceful lives of those who live in the picturesque Arkansas hills. Admitting as it does of elaborate scenic effects and stage machinery, it is said, scenic effects and stage machinery have eagerly seized to supply their patrons something out of the ordinary in the way of stage illusion. It is also stated that they have secured the services of an exceptionally good company for the portrayal of the characters. "Sandy Bottom" is announced at the Victoria theatre for Monday evening.

"The Telephone Girl."

The musical comedy success, "The Telephone Girl," comes here next week. In all the large cities, beginning with New York, it fairly coined money for its fortunate owners. In the metropolis it enjoyed a run of something like 300 nights, and in Paris, acted a trifle differently, it made a record of 350 performances. With a good and if not better cast than ever, it will be the attraction at the Victoria theatre on Tuesday evening. Joe Kane, Edith Valmaseda, Alf Holt, Arthur Conrad, Geo. Ebner, Marie Koog, Jethro Warner, Valori sisters, Ruth Jordan, are the principals in the new cast. The play is in two acts and abounds in pretty and original musical numbers and the latest specialties.

The characteristic Parisian Christmas fetes were celebrated on Wednesday. Madame Loubet, wife of the President, has taken a prominent part in the Christmas tree festivities of the children of the Alsace-Lorraine Society, and also personally gave out the presents made to the functionaries at the Presidential mansion.

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SEARCHING THE TIBER.

Professor Expects to Recover Treasure In Addition to Curios.

The Rome correspondent of the London Daily Express sends that paper a very interesting piece of news. It is to the effect that Professor Cleo Nispi-Landi has obtained leave from the Italian authorities to subject the bed of the Tiber to a thorough search. Historical research had shown, he says, that for ages "the Romans cast their most priceless possessions on the bosom of Father Tiber as offerings to the god which they believed to live beneath his waters."

Besides such articles, the professor expects to find an extraordinary variety of curios in the way of armor worn by the many soldiers who must at one time or another have lost their lives in battles that raged along the banks and on the bridges of the Tiber; and many more valuable articles which were cast into the stream by the early Christian fanatics. People always exaggerate the chances of treasure-trove, but we do not doubt that if the bed of the Tiber could be thoroughly searched the "finds" would be on a very great scale and of immense interest.

The men in the Royal Naval Reserve receive an annual retainer of 25 per year, payable quarterly; or, if in the second class, an annual retainer of 22 10s., payable quarterly, in addition to their uniform. While at drill they are paid the regular wages payable to seamen of the fleet of the same rating, and in addition, they are lodged and fed. Altogether a reserve man receives each year about £10 in cash, besides a pension of £10 on discharge, and a small gratuity on retirement.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 26--5 a. m.--The pressure gave yesterday before the approach of a storm area which developed on our coast and caused a fresh gale on the Straits and along the Washington coast, accompanied by heavy rainfall. The barometer is now rising again and the storm has passed into Cariboo and is centered over the Rockies in the Northwest. A high barometer area is central in Manitoba, though the pressure is low in the Territories. No precipitation has occurred during the last 24 hours and temperatures in some sections are many degrees below zero.

FORECASTS.

For 36 hours ending 5 p.m. Saturday. Victoria and vicinity--Moderate to strong winds, chiefly southerly and westerly, partly cloudy and colder, with rain or sleet. Lower Mainland--chiefly moderate winds, chiefly cloudy and colder, with rain or sleet.

REPORTS.

Victoria--Barometer, 29.48; temperature, 44; minimum, 43; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, .01; weather, fair.

New Westminster--Barometer, 29.48; temperature, 42; minimum, 42; wind, calm; rain, .32; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops--Barometer, 29.34; temperature, 40; minimum, 38; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, .10; weather, clear.

San Francisco--Barometer, 29.98; temperature, 54; minimum, 50; wind, 4 miles W.; rain, .50; weather, rain.

Portland--Barometer, 29.98; temperature, 40; minimum, 38; wind, calm; weather, clear.

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office, 17th to 24th December, 1902.

During the greater part of the week a high barometer area has been centered over the North Pacific states. On the 17th its limits extended the lower part of the province, and this position was maintained until Thursday evening, when the pressure in British Columbia began to decrease, and by next evening a steady fall in the barometer had developed on the Vancouver Island and Washington coast, and a heavy rain or sleet was falling on the Straits of Fuca. On Saturday the storm had crossed the province and centered in Cariboo and Alberta, whence it gradually moved northward through the Territories. In the meantime the pressure had again increased in the adjoining states and spread into the province. On Sunday a fresh disturbance appeared on our coast, the pressure gave way, and by nightfall a strong easterly gale prevailed and cautionary storm signals were displayed here. The gale, though not of long continuance, was also very heavy on the Straits of Georgia. Monday was unsettled, the barometer remaining low and the wind shifting to the eastward. On Tuesday the pressure increased in the Pacific states and spread northward, and became central in the Territories; at the same time a storm area from the ocean again approached the coast of Vancouver Island, and the week closed with unsettled and threatening weather. The rainfall was light in this district and only moderately heavy on the Lower Mainland, but on the American coast more fall has been excessive, and a good deal of snow has fallen in the plateau district. Strong winds and gales have also occurred on the American coast. In the Northwest the pressure was low for several days, but gradually increased until a high barometer area developed; not much precipitation has occurred, and the weather, though warmer until Saturday, has again become cold, the mercury falling to 12 degrees below zero.

At Victoria, 2 hours and 48 minutes of bright sunshine were recorded; the highest temperature was 47.8 on the 19th; the lowest, 33.7 on the 17th; precipitation, 0.24 inch.

At New Westminster, highest temperature, 44 on 22nd; lowest, 24 on 18th; precipitation, 0.81 inch.

At Kamloops, highest temperature, 40 on 22nd; lowest, 12 on 17th; no precipitation.

At Barkerville, highest temperature, 24 on 18th and 19th; lowest, 8 on 23rd; no precipitation.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer Majestic from the Sound--Thursday--A. McDonald, A. Whidden, J. Beaman, Miss Armstrong, E. E. Johnston, J. Campbell, E. Hutchings, J. Skirgeon, B. Hoffmeyer, S. B. Kelly, Miss Jones, Mrs. J. Calder, J. H. Germaine, Geo. Mellor, A. E. Wood, R. J. Walker, Capt. G. W. Robertson, E. Stoddart, E. Little, Thos. Parrell, A. McKay, Prof. D. Jouty, C. W. Milne, M. Fournier.

CONSIGNEES.

Per steamer Majestic from the Sound--Thursday--Beaton & Co., W. S. Fraser, Yalo & Brooks, Allison Iron Works, F. R. Stewart & Co., J. Townsley, Hinton Electric Co., J. J. Peatling, Peterson Shoe Co., Vic. Machy, Dept. Vic. B. & Co., Watson & McGregor, E. G. Prior & Co., Jno. West, R. P. Rithet & Co., Beckman-Ker Milling Co.

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EASTERN DELEGATES TO VISIT PROVINCE

R. M. Palmer's Trip to Ontario Establishes Faith in Methods Adopted in British Columbia.

The visit to Ontario of R. M. Palmer, freight commissioner, promises to be attended with excellent results as far as the province is concerned. In consequence of the good work done by the freight commissioner it is expected that a deputation of Eastern fruit growers will visit this province next year and look into the conditions here. The introduction to the attention of the Eastern horticulturists of the resources of British Columbia could not have been confided to a better than Mr. Palmer, who understands the fruit conditions better than any other in the province. Mr. Palmer's trip to the East did not extend as far as the Maritime provinces. He confined his visit to Ontario, attending the annual gathering of the Fruit Growers' Association at Walkerton and the fat stock show in Guelph, he was enabled to place before the most prominent fruit growers and agriculturists the possibilities of this Western province as a fruit producer. Not only was this made possible in the addresses which he gave before these gatherings, but at the banquets given during these meetings he in each case got the samples of fruit which he had taken from here placed on the tables. This latter gave the proof to the words of Mr. Palmer. The Easterners were wonderfully impressed with the samples placed before them. So astonished were they with the quality that it is altogether probable that a deputation of perhaps a dozen prominent fruit growers will come to British Columbia next year, at a time when they can see for themselves the fruit on the trees. The results of that visit will be very difficult to estimate. With conditions such as exist in Ontario it is quite likely that in consequence of this trip of Freight Commissioner Palmer to the East that this province may have an influx of experienced horticulturists who see in the conditions existing here much better opportunities than they have to expect in the East.

The apple crop in Ontario has not been a good one this year. The failure has been due largely to the scab, the codling moth and other fruit pests which have got a firm foothold in the orchards of that province. By means of spraying these troubles are abated, but where many do not adopt these up-to-date methods the pests are continued. Walkerton, where the fruit growing met, lies in the centre of the fruit growing section, which, while not the largest producer of apples in the province, is famed for giving a quality of fruit unequalled in any part of Ontario. That the fruit from British Columbia should thus eclipse that produced there could not fail to have its effect upon the horticulturists gathered together.

Another feature of the fruit conditions in Ontario is the prevalence of the antiquated methods of packing in barrels. The result is that apples of mixed grades are put in the same barrel with the best at the top. The poorer quality of fruit put in these barrels have had the effect of reducing the price of the whole barrel.

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WRECKED AT LYTTON.

Cobbledick Dredge Lies at Bottom of Fraser River.

The Cobbledick dredge lies at the bottom of the Fraser river, near Lytton. The dredge was built in 1890, and has experienced varying successes and failures in delving for gold in the sands and gravels of the river, on whose bed it now lies a wreck. It was constructed at Lytton, and has been operated successfully in that district since being built. The cost of first construction, combined with the many changes and improvements made since, had brought the total cost of the dredge up to a sum exceeding \$100,000. In 1901 Mr. H. Graham took over the active management of the operations on behalf of the English company. Recently reports were received to the effect that, owing to the improvements effected in the dredge, and the rich nature of the gravels it was operating in, there was a prospect of it making a good return this fall.

Wednesday, however, the news was received that it had foundered. The exact cause of the accident could not be ascertained. The report stated that it is improbable that the dredge can be saved as it lies in 10 feet of water in the flow of a very rapid current. The position of the wreck is on the east bank of the Fraser, above Lytton, between the South Fork and the Van Winkle bar, or about opposite T. Earl's ranch.

VICTORIAN IN WELLINGTON.

H. E. Levy Visiting Land of His Birth Beneath the Southern Cross.

A recent issue of the Evening Post of Wellington, New Zealand, says: "A visitor to Wellington at the present time is H. Emanuel Levy, a son of the late Benjamin Levy, one of the first Wellington settlers. As a matter of fact, Benjamin Levy and his brother accompanied Colonel Wakefield's survey party to the colony, leaving London in 1839, and landing at Petone in 1840. H. E. Levy, who is only on a short visit here, was the first Jewish boy born in Wellington, and his father and uncle were the first Jewish people to land here. He left the city in his early childhood, and has since been settled for 43 years in Victoria, British Columbia, one of the most progressive cities of modern times. He has little or no recollection of Wellington as it was when he left it, but thinks we have established a fine little city in the interim. Still he sees room for improvement when he comes to compare it with his own progressive city. He was astonished to find the horse-tram system still in vogue, and the bedroom candlestick still figuring prominently in the modern hotel. He considers, also, that this colony made a big mistake in dropping the subsidy to the Vancouver service, believing that there was a profitable trade to be worked up with his part of the world, especially in meat, butter and woollen goods. So impressed is he still with the idea that he intends on his return to recommend to the British Columbia Board of Trade to dispatch a trade commissioner to the colonies to ferret out information as to products with which they could do trade. There would, he thinks, be no difficulty about the establishment of a steam service to take up the trade. Mr. Levy has brought with him a collection of Columbian blue-ground fruits, and also a collection of photographs illustrating the progress of the country, and these he intends exhibiting in this city during the next few days. He is accompanied on his trip by Mrs. Levy, and intends going north by way of the Wanganui river."

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

THE JUNIORS' ENTERTAINMENT. The Victoria Rugby Juniors announce an entertainment at the Victoria Athletic Club rooms on Thursday, Jan. 8th. The arrangements for the event are now being made.

CURIOUS ARSON CASE.

Master Mariner Sentenced to Five Years' Penal Servitude.

Thomas Sinclair Lelander, master mariner, was, at Durham, assizes, sentenced to five years' penal servitude for arson, under circumstances which sound more like a chapter out of a written romance.

Eight years ago the steamship Richmond, from London to the Tyne, sank in port after a disastrous fire had broken out upon her. Her managing owner--a North Shields master mariner, Captain Thomas Sinclair Lelander--was before the court in connection with the affair.

Very curious was the version of the prosecution. The ship, it was said, was travelling from Tripoli, with grain, but there were also put there by Lelander a number of casks of oil.

At London the skipper learned from Lelander that a deaf and dumb passenger would voyage to the Tyne. The stranger boarded after dusk, bearing a letter from Lelander. He wore a storm cap, big overcoat, was muffled beyond recognition, and walked lame, with a stick. He had his own provisions, and secluded himself during the voyage.

Nearing the Tyne the fire alarm was raised, and the skipper saw the passenger come from the fore-cabin, walking without a stick and not limping.

On reaching port the mysterious individual disappeared, but Lelander was observed near Shields ferry wearing a storm cap and overcoat, looking dirty and shaven, and generally resembling the stranger.

Oil cases were, it was found, broken open. The cargo was insured for about \$1,500, and nearly \$200 was paid for damages.

The jury convicted Lelander and he was sentenced to five years' penal servitude.

FOR BRAVERY.

Young Victorian Awarded Royal Humane Association's Mark of Distinction.

The Royal Humane Association's bronze medal for bravery has been awarded to Edward Francis Nason, a pupil of the Victoria High school who, as reader of the Times will recall, gallantly saved from drowning in Poul Bay last August a little girl, Mary McInnes.

The attention of the Humane Society was drawn to the lad's heroic act with the result that Ian St. Clair, physical instructor in the public schools, has received the following letter from the president, Adam Brown:

I, St. Clair, Victoria:

Dear Sir--By this mail I send you the bronze medal of the Royal Humane Association, which has been unanimously awarded to Edward Francis Nason for promptitude and conspicuous courage in saving Mary McInnes from drowning at Poul Bay, B. C., on August 9th, 1902. We usually send three medals to the Mayor of a city to make presentation. In this case I send it to you, asking you to take such steps as you may think proper for as public a presentation as possible, making the occasion an object lesson for acts of heroism.

ADAM BROWN, President.

The recipient of this honor is fifteen years of age. Phil. Austin, also of this city, was awarded the medal for a similar deed eight years ago.

QUAINT CEREMONY.

City of London Gives Horseshoes, Nails and Pagot as Land Rentals Due The King.

The city of London on October 31st handed over some horseshoes, with nails for fixing them, together with some severed fagots, to the King's Remembrancer, as land rentals due to His Majesty the King. This custom and manner of paying two particular "quaints" has obtained for 667 years. The room at the Law Courts was filled with visitors and officials when Lord Dunsen, the King's Remembrancer, took the rostrum. The tenants of a piece of waste ground called "The Moors," in the county of Salop, were commanded to "come forth and do your service."

Thereupon the city solicitor laid a "fagot" on the sacrificial wood block before him, and with repeated blows, of the hatchet divided it. Afterwards the "tenants and occupiers of a certain tenement called 'The Forge,' in the parish of Saint Clement Dances," were called upon, the horseshoes were counted out one by one, and the nails in tens, until sixty had been counted. "And one," concluded Sir Holwood Crawford, "Good number," replied the King's Remembrancer, and the old-time ceremony was over.

KING SOLOMON'S THRONE.

Report That It Has Been Found and Will Be Used During Coronation Durbar.

An extraordinary rumor is in circulation in the Calcutta bazaars in connection with the archaeological researches of Lord Curzon, of Kileston, the viceroy of India. It is believed he has been searching for the throne of King Solomon, and it is now reported it has been found, and it is stated that Lord Curzon will sit on it during the coronation durbar. It is then expected that some astonishing supernatural events will occur.

Among the guests expected at Delhi for the coronation durbar are the Duke and Duchess of Portland, the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough, the Earl and Countess of Crewe, the Earl and Countess of Londsdale, the Earl of Durham, and Mrs. Leiter and Miss Leiter, the mother and sister of Ladr Curzon. Among other Americans who will attend the durbar is Mr. Henry Phipps, Mr. Carnegie's partner, who will be accompanied by ten friends.

The Pioneer describes the view across the camp at Delhi from Flagstaff Hill as a delightful picture. There are lawns, flower beds, avenues of glittering tents and silken shamanias, with gold draperies and waving flags as far as the eye can see. A special telegraph office has been fitted up to accommodate 200 operators. There are thirty emergency wires, which have a working capacity of nearly a million words per day.

BRITISH SUBMARINE BOAT.

New Vessel Brought to the Surface and Submerged With the Greatest Rapidity.

Submarine boat A1, the joint-invention of Vickers Sons and Maxim and the British admiralty, was tested in deep-sea experiments in the Irish Sea. After several days' special trials at the Barrow docks the vessel was towed out before daylight to about five miles from Walney Island. Large crabs with flags were laid down for a long course, and soundings were taken for several miles in the vicinity. A heavy sea was running, and there was a thick mist.

The boat was quickly submerged and travelled several miles, not returning to the surface for some hours. A depth of from ten to fifteen feet was obtained. Manoeuvres in and out of the sea were gone through with, the vessel answering her rudder with great rapidity in which direction it was desired to go. She was brought promptly to the surface on several occasions and was submerged with equal rapidity.

The surface trials were then run, and the speed showed considerable improvement over boats of the Holland type. The naval authorities maintain the utmost reticence, making it impossible to obtain accurate details, but at large the A1 is considered a great improvement over the Holland type. It is believed that the A2, A3 and A4, which are now being built, will be more formidable than any with which trials have been made by foreign powers.

The A1 returned to Barrow after dark. It is believed she will be fitted with a new petrol engine for the purpose of charging her electric batteries and propelling her on the surface with greater speed than has hitherto been obtained.

SILENT ARTILLERY.

French Officer's Invention Which Abolishes Sound, Flash and Smoke.

Colonel Humbert, a French officer, recently brought out an ingenious invention which, it is asserted, will entirely abolish sound, flash and smoke when a gun is fired, but in its present stage the invention would apparently make a field gun a rather unwieldy machine.

The invention consists of a long tube screwed to the muzzle of the gun. The inside of the tube is fitted with a series of short steel cylinders. One end of

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Bride's Dress Caught Fire and She Died From Injuries.

The Greek Oriental church at Tohot, in Hungary, was the scene of a terrible fatality, whilst a ceremony, St. Valentine's, was being married to Sidonie Brateau.

Just as the ceremony was closing, the bride's maids dress caught fire from a taper, and in an instant she was in flames. Two bridesmaids, rushing to her help, shared a similar fate.

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EXHIBITION ACCOUNTS.

Mayor Hayward is particularly anxious that there shall be no discussion of exhibition matters until the question of the Mayoralty for the coming year has been settled. Such a desire is not unnatural, all things considered. But the fair is an institution in which the ratepayers of Victoria are vitally interested. Under efficient management there should have been a surplus instead of a deficit on account of the operations of the past two years. The show cannot be permitted to lapse. The deficits must be met, and the people of Victoria will have to meet them. There are suspicions that there was mismanagement; that the fair was used by aspiring municipal politicians for the purpose of enhancing their reputations and entrenching the schemers in office they lust after. It is palpable that in this one instance at least their ambition got the better of their discretion. The taxpayers of the city will be compelled to pay for their mistakes. Therefore it is utter nonsense to say, as Mayor Hayward does, that there is no reasonable connection between the affairs of the exhibition and those of the corporation. The liabilities of the association must be met; the wages of the employees must be paid. The people of Victoria will have to put their hands in their pockets and pay them. And those who pay the bills will want to know why, with receipts of three thousand dollars in excess of the estimates for the past exhibition, it is necessary to tap the city treasury at all. There can be no question that if a reasonable assurance cannot be given of the maintenance of a balance between revenue and expenditure there will be a demand that the fair should be dropped altogether. The people would be quite willing, we are sure, to make due allowances for unfavorable seasons. But the past two shows were conducted under very auspicious circumstances, and the citizens were left with a bill in excess of ten thousand dollars to settle. Now is the time to fix the responsibility for such a state of affairs and to determine what course shall be adopted for the future.

The people who in the meantime are patiently waiting for the moneys they honestly earned would like to know what system was adopted in settling accounts while there were funds in the treasury. We know that several of the newspapers of the province have drawn upon the association and that the drafts were returned to them by the banks, marked "no funds." That is not a very judicious way of advertising the Victoria exhibition. It is scarcely necessary for us to point out that unless steps be taken without delay to counteract the evil effects of mismanagement the influences which will be brought to bear next year will be the reverse of favorable. For that reason we say there should be no delay about straightening out the unfortunate tangle. The document which follows proves that there were favored creditors of the association. It would be interesting to know if there were many of them or if the

Colonist was the only institution with a "strong pull."

Victoria, B. C., 9th October, 1902.

Colonist Account.
B. Boggs, Esq., Secretary B. C. A. A.:
Dear Mr. Secretary: Mr. Colonist Brown has called upon me with reference to the Colonist account, and wants a cheque. He has seen the president (the Mayor), who shoved him onto the treasurer, who fired him up to me. Please have the proper voucher made out, so that I can approve on behalf of the finance committee. Mr. Brown wants it sure to-day, and I shall be obliged if you can put through the necessary papers.

Yours faith,
H. DALLAS HELMCKEN.

It must not be thought for a moment that we impute wrong-doing to our contemporary in connection with this matter. We esteem it more highly than ever because of the enterprise displayed by its management in establishing its position as a most favored creditor. But the other creditors must not take the same view. And if a public meeting were called to talk the matter over they might ask some awkward questions. As for instance: Why was not the five hundred dollars paid to the preferred creditor divided pro rata amongst the men who can ill afford to be kept out of the money they have earned?

Of course it would have pleased the Mayor mightily if the Council had voted the money to settle the general indebtedness without making any inquiries as to the methods by which the said indebtedness had been incurred. But the aldermen have taken an unassailable position; a position which will be endorsed by the people who must eventually foot the bill. From the point of view of the Mayor there will be disagreeable delvings into matters which could be much more safely handled after the municipal elections are over. There is a most vital connection between the exhibition and the corporation and a heavy responsibility rests upon some of the officers of the corporation for a state of affairs which threatens the very life of the annual fair the people of Victoria fondly hoped had at last been established upon a permanent footing.

WHAT NEXT?

The Colonist endeavors to console itself in a characteristically philosophic way for the loss of North Victoria by the government. It is afraid that very few considerations as to the policy of the government entered into the minds of the electors. Is that not strange, considering the strenuous efforts made by all the Ministers but one to create marked impressions? It says very little for the platform abilities of the ministers. Is it not more likely that the electors of North Victoria refused to take the speakers seriously, or possibly that the orators were so manifestly insincere that the voters could not consider them seriously? It is generally accepted as a fact that a public speaker who is not sincere or has not the faculty of creating the impression of sincerity has but little influence upon the minds of his auditors. The ministers are quite sincere in one of their desires: that is to retain office as long as possible. But they have changed their policy so often at the behests of the section of the opposition whose support was indispensable to their existence and on the demands of a gentleman named Greenshield that the public is not to be greatly blamed for becoming sceptical and settling down into the conviction that the government is not serious. The Attorney-General was surely loud enough in his denunciations and reckless enough in his charges to create impressions in the minds of the electors had been open to such. But Mr. Eberts' frothings were as calmly set aside as Colonel Prior's "reasonings," and the majority of the people of North Victoria kept their minds steadfastly fixed upon three facts: The government was not to be trusted; the constituency had been treated with discourtesy and injustice; Mr. Paterson, by reason of his natural abilities and the weakness of the case of his opponents, was more than a match for the political veterans who had come out against him. Rural life is conducive to sincerity of view and uprightness and strength of character. The government workers succeeded in getting a larger number of electors than usual to the polls, but all their forces of eloquence and persuasion could not turn a baker's dozen of the sturdy farmers from the course they had mapped out for themselves when they were denied justice by the former government.

From the point of view of the Colonist the result of the election in North Victoria has created "a rather unfortunate political condition." That may be interpreted as an admission that the government recognises that it is in a minority in the House. But yet there is hope. The Colonist will not resign just yet. He is a "leader of force, definiteness of idea, and great popularity, a man to whom winning or losing in politics does not mean winning or losing office, but success or failure in carrying measures he has at heart." Do you not believe it? Did Colonel Prior not promise to resign if he failed to carry out the pledges by which he secured election in Victoria? He could not persuade the Legislature to adopt his policy, so he adopted the policy of the Legislature and handed in his resignation—to a committee, and Mr. D. R. Ker has the document yet. To one who is not charmed by the romance and originality of the



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idea this seems a rather roundabout way of carrying out pledges, but undoubtedly they have been redeemed in the minds of all but the few who take pledges seriously and the meaning of words literally.

Is any further proof necessary that the Premier cares nothing for winning or losing office; that success or failure in carrying measures is all he aims at? Did he not attend a Conservative convention and express himself in favor of party lines? But the assembly, even under the aegis of the Dominion leader, Mr. R. L. Borden, was so blind to the interests of the party and of the province as to pass over the Colonist in the selection of a leader. What chance would there have been for the Colonist, under the leadership of Mr. Wilson, to carry the measures he had engraven upon his heart? He immediately repudiated the convention and all its works, insisted that Mr. Dunsmuir should live up to the letter of the bond under which he (the Colonist) went into the government "to carry out the measures he had at heart." He became Premier, and is still Premier in spite of sickening rebuffs, and he will remain Premier if it be necessary to go down on his knees before Mr. Paterson and beg his pardon for opposing him and for the disagreeable and untruthful things his Attorney-General said. When a truly patriotic man has made up his mind to carry certain measures though the political heavens fall he is sometimes compelled to assume very humiliating postures. The Colonist is on his knees before Mr. Paterson now. He has forgotten everything but the fact that his ability to carry the measures he has at heart is doubtful. Through his organ he tells Mr. Paterson that Eberts was a fool to talk so; that the member for North Victoria is a very able man, and he hopes a sensible one in addition. Surely he will use his present position "to advance and not to retard the true interests of the country," by helping the Colonist not to retain office, but to pass the measures he has at heart. Is it not most unfortunate that at such a critical time as this in the career of the Colonist our constitutional system of government should entirely break down? It must have broken down, because we are told the election of Mr. Paterson does not indicate the attitude of the electors of North Victoria to the government, but the division of their personal affections as between Messrs. Paterson and Robertson. What an unfortunate thing for the Colonist that he did not make this discovery before he undertook to defeat the successful candidate! How lamentable to think the Colonist was entirely wrong when it asserted the election of Mr. Robertson to be practically certain!

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the approach of the enemy of all mankind and manufactures jokes when he is in the humor. Mark is an old hand around newspapers and he knows the editors keep constantly on hand summaries of the biographies of all celebrated men, ready for immediate use "in case of emergency." His latest joke consists of a request:

"That such journals and periodicals as have obituaries of men lying in their pigeon holes, with a view to sudden use some day, will not wait longer, but will publish them now and send me a marked copy. My address is simply New York City—I have no other that is permanent and not transient. I will correct them—not the facts, but the Verdicts—striking out such clauses as could have a deleterious influence on the Other Side, and replacing them with clauses of more judicious character. I should, of course, expect to pay double rates for both the omissions and the substitutions; and I should also expect to pay quadruple rates for all obituaries which proved to be rightly and wisely worded in the originals, thus requiring no emendations at all. It is my desire to leave these Amended Obituaries neatly bound behind me as a perennial consolation and entertainment to my family, and as an heirloom which shall have a mournful but definite commercial value for my re-

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City News in Brief.

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—In the happy holiday days the ideal drink is John Labatt's crystal Indian Pale Ale. For sale by Dixie H. Ross & Co., Erskine, Wall & Co. and Saunders Grocery Co., Ltd.

—The current issue of the B. C. Mining Exchange is copiously illustrated with views of Quatsino, and contains a very considerable matter relating to this Island. George Sheldon Williams, the editor, is making his publication a very attractive one.

—There was only one case in the police court this morning, the offender being Kate Wallace, an old timer in police circles. She was sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

—Far West Lodge and Victoria Lodge, K. of P., will hold a joint convention this evening in their hall for the purpose of receiving Grand Chancellor H. Hoffmeister, who will pay them his annual official visit.

—A midnight wedding ceremony was performed in the First Presbyterian church on Christmas eve. The contracting parties were Mr. John Lee Kirk and Miss Flora May Poneigh Cohen. Rev. Dr. Campbell officiated, those present being only the relatives and intimate friends.

—A Finnish fisherman named John Wrights was drowned off Sidney last week. A week ago yesterday Wrights went out in a small boat. His body was found on Monday alongside of the boat. Dr. Hart, of this city, held an inquest, a verdict of accidental death being brought in by the jury. Wrights lived alone in a cabin near Sidney.

—The second annual meeting of the Victoria Sealing Association is being held as the Times goes to press. At this meeting general plans for the forthcoming season will be discussed, and the number of schooners which are to be dispatched to the Japan coast, the southern coast and Behring Sea will be considered.

—The Columbia and Egoria Association football game will meet in a friendly rivalry tomorrow afternoon at Beacon Hill. A very fast game is promised, as the last game resulted in a draw, and both teams are determined to win. The following will represent the Columbias: Goal, C. Marshall; backs, S. Shanks and R. Hughes; half-backs, A. Johnson, A. Rutherford and J. Johnson; forwards, C. Berkeley, R. McLean, T. Wilson, D. Hunter and L. Lawson.

—Victoria people are to have an opportunity shortly of seeing San Toy, the tuncful Chinese musical comedy by Edward Morton, with music by Sidney Jones. Mrs. Helmecken has undertaken the preparation of it with a local company of amateurs, and has secured permission to use it from Geo. Edwards, of Daly's theatre, London, who owns the copyright. Miss Maud Goodwin leaves this evening for San Francisco to order that portion of the costumes and scenery which cannot be obtained locally.

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DRILL HALL CONCERT.

Music and Basketball at To-Morrow Evening's Concert—Excellent Programme.

An excellent musical programme has been prepared by Bandmaster Finn for to-morrow evening's promenade concert at the drill hall. Among the pieces to be played are Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" from "The Messiah," "The Raymond" overture by Ambrose Thomas, and a selection from Pietro Mascagni's "Cavalleria Rusticana." Basketball is to be the extra attraction. The schedule game in the Senior League series will be played between the James Bay and Capital City teams. Following is the complete programme:

PART I.
Overture—Raymond—Play Thomas
Basketball—Half-Time—Play Gilder
Caprice—Zanzibar Gilder
Basketball—Half-Time—Play Thomas

PART II.
Hallelujah Chorus fr. The Messiah Handel
Danse des Grisettes Gruenwald
Selection fr. Cavalleria Rusticana Thomas
March—Pittsburg Gazette Bruno
God Save the King.

TRAINS CANCELLED.

E. & N. Railway Line Affected By the Heavy Rains of the Past Few Days.

A washout on the E. & N. railway necessitated the cancelling of the trains over the line this morning. The bridge over the Koksilah river has been washed away. Other damage is reported on the railway which is being repaired as quickly as possible. It is expected that trains may be dispatched from each terminus this afternoon about 3 o'clock. These will meet at the destroyed bridge and a transfer of the passengers, mail, etc., will be made.

The Koksilah river rises very suddenly after having rains, and has frequently given trouble to the railroad company at the point where the line crosses it. The repairs will be made as soon as possible.

CITY CHARTER.

To the Editor:—I notice that our city fathers are applying for an act of incorporation for the city. Would it not be well to consider the question carefully and learn by the experience of other cities on this question? I can see that we may count on an expensive every year, if a charter is procured, for legal expenses and charges by the government, as that has been the experience of the city of Vancouver after an experience of over 13 years with their city charter. Why not amend the Municipal Act if it so needs amending, and it would not cost anything to the city. A city charter will become a charge every year against the city, for every new council will want amendments. The present Mayor, however, and aldermen want to add another incubus to the city and additional expense for every much oppressed and overtaxed people.

G. L. MILNE.

The following is the editorial referred to: Very much in the same relation as the appendix to the human body is the special charter to the body corporate of the city of Vancouver. It is so far as anyone has yet discovered, wholly unnecessary, while liable at any unlooked moment to become a cause of irritation, expense and inconvenience. The wise man has to make his appearance who will tell the public where in Vancouver derives any special benefit by not operating under the general Municipal Act, while the instances on the other hand are numerous wherein the special charter has been a cause of uncertainty, vexation, cost and inconvenience, and this beside the part it plays in destroying the uniformity of civic government throughout the province. To approximate how much it has cost the citizens of Vancouver unnecessarily to amend the city charter since it was ill-advisedly secured, would keep the city accountants busy for some time; suffice it to be said that few indeed have been the years that have passed in which amendments were not made—and each and every one costing the city \$300 for the private bill, besides innumerable counsel fees, expenses, and incidentals. And what is the result? Victoria, operating under the general act, has equal opportunity to secure amendments to the common law whenever changing conditions make them locally necessary—and the cost is included in the general cost of legislation for the province. Vancouver gets what it has chosen for no appreciable value receivable. To be sure this has gone on "ever since the city was incorporated"—the wonder is that such has been the case. The fact contains no argument for continuance in foolishness. The abolition of the city charter and the bringing of Vancouver under the general municipal act should be a rallying cry for patriotic citizens at the coming elections. There is one plank for every progressive candidate.

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PERSONAL.

Geo. Ridge and wife, of Port Simpson, are at the Dominion. Mr. Ridge was for many years a resident of Victoria, being engaged in the marble cutting business. He and his wife, after an absence of four years in the North, will visit friends in this city for a few weeks.

J. W. Ladd, of Copper Island, manager of the Pacific Steel Co.'s mines on the West Coast, arrived at the Dominion on Wednesday. He went on to the sound.

H. Hoffmeister, of Vancouver, grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, is at the Victoria. He is making an official visit to the various lodges on Vancouver Island.

J. Fournier, of Vancouver, and D. McQuinn, of Duncan, are at the Victoria. The former is on his way to San Francisco.

G. J. Burnham, manager of the Hamilton Powder Works at Northfield, and Mrs. Burnham, are registered at the Driad.

Rich. E. Nimmo and wife, of Ladysmith, and A. McKenzie, of Extension, are registered at the Vernon.

Allan Oliver, of the C. P. R. telegraph office, Nanaimo, spent Christmas at his home at Esquimalt.

W. Thomson and W. A. Bisset, of Seattle, were yesterday guests at the Vernon.

E. B. Ferguson, son and daughter, of Vancouver, arrived at the Driad last evening.

Dr. Oscar Hartnagel, of Seattle, spent Christmas with his brother at the Driad.

F. H. Manogue, a well known commercial man of Seattle, is at the Dominion.

H. McDonald and R. Stoddart, of Ashcroft, are at the Dominion.

Mrs. C. B. Wright, of San Francisco, is at the Driad.

T. Kitchen, of Mount Sicker, is at the Imperial.

LAKE DISTRICT SCHOOL.

Santa Claus Took in the Entertainment There—An Enjoyable Evening.

The school of Lake District received a visit from Santa Claus last Friday evening. The saint arrived on the scene at eight o'clock, when the children of the day school were giving their annual Christmas entertainment. Santa appeared to be no older than twenty years ago, and admitted to being in first-class health, with the exception of a bad cold.

A tea was arranged by the neighbors of the district for the children at 5 p. m. and for the adults at 7 p. m. An excellent programme of songs and recitations was rendered by the children and their parents, and the entertainment proved a very enjoyable affair.

The programme rendered by the children reflected great credit on the teacher who trained them. There was a fine Christmas tree, loaded down almost to the breaking point. The event was full of excitement for the youngsters. About 11 o'clock a vote of thanks was passed for the teacher and ladies for their work and kindness in getting up such an excellent entertainment. Then all joined in singing "God Save the King."

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—Divine service will be held at Congregational Emanuel at 7.30 this evening. Rabbi Montague N. A. Cohen will deliver the third literary and historical lecture of the season, entitled "The Feast of Lights." Service on Saturday morning at 10.15.

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PATNETIC STORY OF SURVIVOR ON RAFT

Big Loss of Life in a Tracherous Surf—Further Details of Loss of the *Elizangite*.

Details of the loss of the steamer *Elizangite* on the Three Kings rocks, off New Zealand, last month, are contained in the Australian papers received by R. M. S. Moana, which arrived on Wednesday night. The story has already been published in brief in telegraphic dispatches received, but particulars of the terrible disaster were then referred to meagrely. It will be remembered that the disaster came without warning, the big steamer being up against the rocks almost before her terrible predicament was realized. A slight bump was followed by an awful crunching and breaking of timbers. Ashore the rocks towered high and alongside there was a seething and angry stretch of water broken every few feet by rough and sharp pinnacles, which seem to suggest to the frightened ones aboard that certain death lay in any effort of escape. In half an hour the decks were awash, and before the passengers could get into the boats they were standing up to their waists in water. As a number of the boats were lowered they were dashed to pieces, and their occupants killed or drowned. Others, however, succeeded in getting clear of the vessel with good loads.

The first of these to arrive reached Hoboken with 37 passengers and 15 seamen and two dead bodies. On the news being telegraphed from there the steamer *Zealandia* was dispatched to the scene of the disaster, and succeeded in picking up 89 of the survivors. Capt. Reid, one of the officers, tells of 70 survivors who landed in the boats and who spent the night on a rock swept by storm. They were drenched to the skin, and many of the women were in an exhausted condition. Next morning a search for the missing was instituted. A forecabin steward was rescued by the party from a rock which had reached the previous night. All about in the waters dead bodies could be seen floating about on the surface. On Big King Island were many of the shipwrecked ones who were being provided for by the relief party when the *Zealandia* came along, and all were taken aboard by means of a line stretched ashore.

From this island the *Zealandia* went down to the island from where the relief party had started, and there picked up 70 more of the unfortunates. Captain Reid strongly condemned the conduct of the Australian passengers aboard, stating that they refused to assist in any way, while the womenfolk worked all the time, baling out the boats with their boots. When H. M. S. Penguin, which had gone to seek survivors was about 60 miles northeast of the Three Kings, the bottom boards of a boat and other wreckage were seen in the water. Shortly afterwards one of the men stationed at the masthead saw that a raft was in sight. In seven minutes past four the steamer was alongside the raft, and it was seen that several of its occupants were alive. Only one man was standing on the raft. Three were kneeling down, and the remainder were crouched in sitting positions. The men and the raft were taken on board. The men were in a very feeble condition, and some of them were too dazed to give intelligible answers to questions.

Some of the men stated that some hours before they were rescued they saw a steamer approach, and that a boat had been lowered from it, and had come near them, but did not pick them up.

Steven R. Neil, one of those on this raft, gave a detailed narrative of his terrible privations. He said: "There were 19 of us upon the raft, over which the waves were breaking. We were half submerged. The other raft— which had left the vessel earlier— was above water. Its deck was dry, the cylinders appear to be built higher, and it was not so crowded. I called to this raft, and asked the men upon it to find room among them for the forecabin stewardess. Whether they thought there was a danger of swamping if they approached too close I don't know, but they did not take the poor woman. Some time later this raft came nearer, and three of our men jumped out to her, and were taken aboard. The jolly boat then came along, with the purser, Fred Chambers, in command. It was leaking and could hold no more. We had two sculls, but only one scull to propel us. Within a few minutes, Danielson, who was a quartermaster on the *Elizangite*, improvised a rope rowlock. Using both oars we then struggled to get to

leeward of the island, but the current was too strong for us, and we realized that we were at the mercy of the winds and waves. Plenty of fruit in cases was at the time floating amongst the wreckage, with which the sea was covered. Not expecting any such dreadful experiences as we were doomed to pass through, we did not make any great effort to secure the fruit, and it was by good fortune more than anything else that one of our number picked up two small apples. Instead of getting to lee of the island we gradually drifted out into the ocean, and in the heavy fog that prevailed it was not long before we lost sight of everything.

"At night the sea became choppy; it became very cold, too, and the fireman, the second steward, and the forecabin stewardess, being very poorly clad for such weather, suffered greatly from exposure. We did our best to keep each other warm. I had the fireman's head pressed to my breast the whole of two nights.

"It was, I think, about seven or half-past seven o'clock on Sunday evening that we decided to appoint one of our number commander. There were 16 of us, you will remember, three, as I have already said, having joined the party on Sunday night. We were unanimous in our selection of Mr. Wetherill. The new commander was given the two apples that had been picked up. These apples, I may say, were divided each into 16 parts, and we had one part apiece. I munched the rind of mine several times over. There was no water and no more eatables, and we had to go from Sunday night until Monday night before we got our next sixteenth of an apple each.

"Dickson, one of the men who had been selected by the Auckland Electric Tramways Company to take up a position as driver, was the first man to die. When morning came two more of our little band lay dead alongside Dickson. When we found that three of our number were dead, and that there were already signs of putrefaction, we decided to put the bodies overboard, and did so. Mr. Wetherill, the fireman, Danielson, the quartermaster, and others, who shared the rowing, stuck manfully to their posts.

"Whilst pulling we broke the rope rowlock, and this had to be repeatedly repaired. When we looked up again towards the light we found it was no nearer than at the start. Just then a scream went up from the crew. We could see the mast-head light of a steamer bearing down on us.

"A prayer of thankfulness went up to God from each one of us. We prayed as only men who were in deadly peril can pray. Apparently the steamer heard us. She came to a full stop—our hearts beat fast with excitement—and lowered a boat. There was a light in the bows of the boat, and we watched it with anxious eyes. The big ship seemed to anchor there whilst the boat made an almost bee-line in our direction. Our salvation appeared to be at hand. We stood up and screamed in order to attract attention. 'Ship ahoy!' we cried. 'Help us for God's sake! We are starving.' Our voices sounded strange even to ourselves, as the cries went tremulously over the waters. We had no means of exhibiting a signal. The boat came, to our appearance, within 100 yards or 200 yards of us. It could not have been further away. Then the boat approached nearer to the first light we had seen. Then it became lost for a while and seemed to be returning to the ship. Our screams became frantic, but they were not heard, and 'God help us,' we cried, as the boat disappeared and we were left altogether of the ship. Robbed of the hope of immediate rescue we prayed that the ship might lie by until morning, and with the first streak of dawn our agonized eyes searched the sea for a sight of her. But all we could see was the smoke of a vessel about ten miles off. It was a heart-breaking moment.

"One very pathetic death was that of Muirhead. I cheered him up as well as I knew how, reminding him of his friends and his good old mother out in New South Wales, and bidding him bear up for their sakes. Muirhead promised to keep up a brave heart, and on Tuesday night he said, 'It's all right, old boy. We'll be saved yet.' He lay down alongside of me, and we fell asleep. Presently I was awakened by a kind of monotone. I listened and made out the words to be, 'I'm gone, I'm gone, I'm gone, good-bye, I'm gone.' Raising myself into a sitting position, I gazed around, and there, a few yards from the raft, was Muirhead floating on his back with his hands lifted upwards, singing, 'Good-bye, good-bye.' Snatching my lifebelt from under my head, I threw it to Muirhead, shouting to him, 'For God's sake, catch this man!' The poor fellow, who seemed to be unconscious, touched the lifebelt with his hand and pushed it away from him. A man who was watching the sad scene with me, then threw another lifebelt to Muirhead, asking him to catch hold of it, but this he served in the same way. The last we saw of the poor fellow was when he was thus floating away from us, singing his mournful good-bye.

"Mrs. McGuirk, the forecabin stewardess, bore up bravely till towards the last. Part of her outer clothing she had

divided amongst the poor fellows who were worst clad, and in every way she displayed great endurance and a heroic spirit. She finally died from sheer exhaustion, and was placed in her watery grave.

"A little after noon we sighted the smoke of a steamer about 9 or 10 miles away. As far as we could make out the steamer was heading in our direction. We were a crew of praying men—penitent sinners every one of us—and we prayed with all the fervency we were capable of that we might be saved. One of our number fastened his shirt—a white garment—to one of the sculls, and hoisted it as a flag. We shouted, too, with what little lung power we had left, although we knew we could not be heard at so great a distance. Our feelings when the ship steamed nearer and nearer until she was level with us, and we saw her put out a boat, can hardly be described.

"We were saved! Our terrible privations were at an end! Hearty British cheers reached our ears as the boat neared us, and we responded as well as we were able. Most of us managed to struggle to our feet when the whaleboat came alongside, and, with the assistance of the sailors, we got aboard her. Out of 16 of us that left the scene of the wreck only eight were left. We were at once supplied with nourishing food, and quickly transferred to the warship, where we received every comfort and attention. Had we been with our parents and wives we could not have been more tenderly looked after."

IRISH CENTENARIANS.

In the General Report on the census of Ireland, just issued as a volume of 640 pages, attention is drawn to the fact that in every 100,000 of the population there was a decrease of 3,204 in the number under twenty years as compared with 1891, and an increase of 2,400 in those in the period from twenty to fifty-five years, and of 704 in persons aged fifty-five and upward. The centenarians in 1901 numbered 407 (194 males and 203 females); in 1891, 578 (220 males and 358 females), and in 1881, 690 (224 males and 466 females). A male was returned on the present occasion as having reached the patriarchal age of 122 years. Fearing that a mistake might possibly have been made, the statement was queried, and the enumerator informed the following interesting information regarding the case. He stated that he and a merchant belonging to Clifden were minutely questioned the old man, who said that he remembered seeing the French fleet, in 1798, sailing off the west coast toward the north, at which time he was a young man about nineteen years of age. The enumerator also stated that the man died in August, 1901; his death was subsequently registered, and the age being given as 120 years, the registrar informed the registrar-general of its accuracy. He was assured that the deceased might have been any age between 120 and 126 years.—London Globe.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In the Matter of the Lenora Mount Sicker Copper Mining Company, Limited, Notice of the Winding Up Act and Amending Acts.

The Honorable Mr. Justice Irving has, by an order dated the 16th day of December, A. D., 1902, appointed John Samuel Henry Matson, of the MacGregor Block, in the City of Victoria, to be official liquidator of the above named Company. Dated the 18th day of December, A. D., 1902.

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Notice to Creditors.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM JAMES MACAULAY, DECEASED, LATE OF VICTORIA, B. C.

Take notice that, pursuant to the Trustee and Executors Act, all creditors and others having claims against the estate are requested to send by post or deliver to the executor or to the undersigned on or before the 31st day of January, 1903, their claims, stating their nature and amount, and the full particulars of their claims, and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them. And further take notice that after such last mentioned date the said executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice, and that the said executor will not be liable for any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by him at the time of such distribution. Dated the 26th day of December, 1902.

Municipal Election, 1903.

Notice is hereby given that in order to qualify as voters at the forthcoming municipal election, either as license holders or householders, the electors are requested, during the month of December, to make and subscribe before a Supreme or County Court Judge, or before a Justice of the Peace or a Notary Public, the statutory declaration required by the Municipal Elections Act. This declaration may be made before Mr. W. W. Northcott, City Assessor, who is Justice of the Peace for the City of Victoria, at his office, City Hall. Assessed real estate owners are not required to make a declaration.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C. M. C.

Victoria, B. C., Nov. 20th, 1902.

Estate of Jos. Keir, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having any claim against the estate of Jos. Keir, deceased, late of Vancouver, British Columbia, are requested to send particulars of their claims, stating their nature and amount, and the full particulars of their claims, and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them, to the undersigned on or before the 30th day of January, 1903, after which date the executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice. Dated the 26th day of December, 1902.

JOHN N. EVANS, Attorney for Executors, Martha Smitha, Duncans.

Take notice that at the expiration of thirty days from this date I intend to apply to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to lease for fishing purposes the forebore (including the rights attached thereto) in Metchoon District, fronting a part of my property at the shore at a point between the 1/4 Section 12, Township 11, Range 5, and the 1/4 Section 13, Township 11, Range 5, and the 1/4 Section 14, Township 11, Range 5, and the 1/4 Section 15, Township 11, Range 5, and the 1/4 Section 16, Township 11, Range 5, and the 1/4 Section 17, Township 11, Range 5, and the 1/4 Section 18, Township 11, Range 5, and the 1/4 Section 19, Township 11, Range 5, and the 1/4 Section 20, Township 11, Range 5, and the 1/4 Section 21, Township 11, Range 5, and the 1/4 Section 22, Township 11, Range 5, and the 1/4 Section 23, Township 11, Range 5, and the 1/4 Section 24, Township 11, Range 5, and the 1/4 Section 25, Township 11, Range 5, and the 1/4 Section 26, Township 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Author of "God's Outcast," "In Spite of Fate," "To Pay the Price," "For Such is Life," "The Heart of Man," "For Life and Liberty," "A Son of Reuben," etc.

(CHAPTER XIV.—Continued.)

A lump came up into her throat, but she gulped it back. "I don't see the use of havin' boys," she said at length. "If they all run away."

"It seems to be the way of the world," he answered.

"And a very bad way it is," she replied. "But what is the name of the country you are goin' to?"

"Terra Incognita," he answered with a start, for the question took him off his guard.

"Terra Incognita?" she questioned. "I never heard of it before. It sounds terrible fureen."

"A great many people go there," he said.

"English people?"

"Yes, crowds of them."

"Then you'll have company?" she questioned.

"Quite as much as I shall want," he replied.

"And is it a warm country or a cold one?" John asked, looking up suddenly from his plate.

"It has the reputation of being rather warm," Basil said, with a short laugh. "I'll be a change from Penzance in January, at any rate."

"A welcome change," he replied, shortly, and he pushed his chair back from the table, for he felt that the questions were becoming embarrassing.

After breakfast he took a walk through the village and out on the cliffs. Everybody knew he had come home for a short visit, and so the entire village turned out to shake hands with him.

He was glad to get away at length from the too persistent questions. He climbed the steep road to the cliffs without pausing to look back. On the top the wind blew strong and cold, but he did not seem to feel it. The fascination of an awful purpose drew him on.

Two hundred feet below him the black and jagged rocks churned the green sea into foam. He paused at length on the edge of the cliff and looked down. Sheer as a plumb line the wall of slippery rock stretched down. At the foot a hundred sharp and treacherous pinnacles showed themselves among the breakers.

He smiled grimly as he contemplated the scene. What a splendid leap through space it would be! What a sudden exit from the miseries of time!

He picked up a stone at length and dropped it over and counted the seconds till it struck a rock below. A sudden idea came to him, and he smiled again.

The manner of his escape had been a source of perplexity to him for several days. For the sake of his parents and friends—all except Phil—he wanted to leave the impression behind that his death was the result of an accident, but he had not seen quite clearly how it was to be accomplished. But he saw now.

Phil, of course, would have to be told the truth. He was his executor. He had already written a long letter to him and made up a parcel containing the key of his flat and also the keys of his safe and private drawers. But it had not been posted yet. He would post it this evening after it had grown dark, then he would come up here on the cliffs, and, standing a little distance away, he would close his eyes and walk straight forward into empty space, and he chuckled gleefully to himself as though he had made a valuable discovery.

He turned away at length for the attraction of height was upon him, and he was afraid he might be tempted to take the fatal leap now.

As he made his way homeward he was impressed, almost for the first time, with the unreality of things. The question of his sanity had never troubled him for a moment. He had persuaded himself that he was never more sane in his life. Yet that some remarkable physical or mental change had taken place in him he was now fully convinced. That he should want to get out of the world in which he had become utterly useless did not surprise him. But that his dear old father and mother should be as strangers to him was something he could not understand.

He had seen his mother choke back her tears at the breakfast table and he had remained quite unmoved. His pity had all evaporated. He had none for himself and none for others. That they would be grieved and horrified and heartbroken on the morrow awoke in his breast no feeling of remorse. He was quite indifferent to their suffering and their loss.

It was in this that the change manifested itself. Hitherto he had been a kind and affectionate son, always sharing with the old folks at home any crumb of good luck that came in his way, always glad and eager to help them in their long struggle with poverty; but he was quite indifferent now.

He discovered that this indifference extended to every person and everything else. He was interested in nothing. If he picked up a newspaper he threw it down a moment later in disgust. The air of the political world was rent with angry and dissonant cries, but he did not heed them. Once he was keenly interested in politics, and could about with the most excited and enthusiastic, but he felt no more interest in the matter now than he felt in the fourth dimension. The world might as well as it would, and men might fret, and worry, and strive for gold and power and applause. It mattered nothing to him. He was as one who stood apart, and had no longer any lot in the things of time and sense. That with time and patience he might get over this abnormal mental and physical condition did not occur to him. No dream of getting back to the old healthy, happy, buoyant life came within the circle of his imagination, and even had the desire been there he had no will left by which he could carry it into effect.

He felt that he was in the way; that

he was utterly useless and helpless. He could no more paint a picture than he could fly. He could not even think with any clearness or certainty. He could only drift, and the inevitable end was now very near.

During the afternoon he made a pretence of writing letters, then he sat before the fire and smoked. His mother was busy with her household duties. His father was out on the farm. The days had begun to lengthen but were still very short.

Soon after four John Pendarris returned from the fields. He was anxious to spend as much time as possible with his son. The lamp was lighted and set on the table and more fuel was piled on the fire.

"It's pleasant to be indoors this cold weather," John said, rubbing his hands, "for the wind is just nipping outside."

"I have not felt it cold," Basil answered, "and I was out all the morning."

"You would if you had been getting in turnings for the cattle."

"Ah, very likely; but walking out on the cliffs I felt warm enough."

"Walkin' is good exercise," John remarked, taking his pipe from the mantelpiece.

"I always like a run morning and evening," Basil remarked.

"For folks who are indoors all day I s'pose it's a good thing, but I get plenty of it other ways," and he picked up a burning splinter of wood from the hearth and began to pull deliberately at his pipe.

At five o'clock Mrs. Pendarris put tea on the table.

"I'm sure you must be hungry, Basil," she said, laying her hand caressingly on his head.

"Nay, mother," he answered, with a smile. "I've done nothing all the afternoon but write letters and smoke."

"If s'pose you know the post goes out at half-past six o'clock?" she questioned.

"Yes, I know. I shall have plenty of time to get to the post office after tea," and a pathetic smile flickered for a moment across his face.

The fascination of the unknown was upon him still.

During tea he made an attempt to be cheerful and outwardly he succeeded very well. He entertained his father and mother with stories of London life and gave descriptions of people whose names had become familiar to them through the newspapers. He knew he was playing the hypocrite, and cruelly deceiving the people who would have laid down their life for him. But what did it matter? He had no compensations, felt no twinges of remorse. Besides, they would be better off without him. All that he left behind would be theirs, and with their simple tastes it would prove quite a fortune to them.

With the swiftly passing minutes his spirits steadily rose; the passion of destruction grew stronger. He was impatient to get out into the keen wind and feel the springy turf of the cliffs beneath his feet.

"Your native air is doing you good already," his mother remarked, with a gratified smile. "You look ever so much better'n you did this mornin'."

"I feel remarkably fit," he replied, meaningly, but the meaning she did not catch.

"I believe it's better'n goin' abroad to come down here," she said.

"For some things it may be," he answered. "There are many worse places than Penzance."

"I should think so indeed," she replied, quickly. She had lived in the parish all her life and was passionately attached to it.

"When the clock struck Basil went upstairs to fetch his letters.

"You'll not be long, my son?" his mother questioned, as he buttoned his overcoat on his chin.

"It all depends on what you call long," he said, laughing, and he stooped and kissed her—one of his old boyish tricks.

"Well, half-an-hour would be long," she answered.

"Then I fear I shall be very long," he answered, "for I intend going for a walk after I have been to the post office."

"What, on a dark night like this?"

"It is not dark at all," he answered. "It is a beautiful starlight night."

"Aye," his father interposed, "it's just about the time we drove home last night, and it was light enough then."

For a moment he stood at the open door and shuddered. Should he turn back even now? Behind him was the shelter and warmth of home, before him was darkness and cold and mystery. He heard the low boom of the waves as he paused, he felt the icy kiss of the wind upon his cheek.

But the pause was only momentary. It had to be, and the sooner it was over the better. Why bear this strange and awful burden a moment longer than was necessary? If he were of any use in the world, if he could be of any service to anybody it would be different; then he would have something to live for. But now he was in the way, a burden to himself, and would soon be a burden to other people.

He would have turned back for a word of good-bye, but that would awaken suspicion. Hitherto he had kept his secret well and he would keep it to the end. No thought of any future life troubled him. To get out of this life was all that he desired to shake off a burden that had become intolerable.

For a moment he glanced back. His father was smoking contentedly by the fire. His mother was busy clearing the table.

His heart whispered a farewell, but his lips did not move. Then, closing the door softly behind him, he plunged into the darkness.

(To be Continued.)

To increase the export of Siberian butter the department of agriculture of Russia has appropriated \$30,000. This amount will be used in increasing the number of instructors for creameries in Western Siberia, in maintaining creamery schools, educational courses in creamery economy and establishing five examining laboratories and for organization of creameries in Western Siberia.

G. R. Perkins, a well known travelling representative of the Massey-Harris Company, is dead.

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Provincial News.

ROSSLAND.

Mayor Clute will seek re-election and it looks as if he might be returned unopposed.

NELSON.

Messrs. B. J. Ferguson and John Hamilton are mentioned as possible candidates for mayor, as are also the names of Messrs. W. Beer and H. E. Crossdale.

KAMLOOPS.

At the annual meeting of the Kamloops Agricultural Association it was decided that the secretary's salary should be \$500 per annum, and that he should act as manager under the direction of the board of directors. Martin Beattie was elected to fill the post.

FRASER.

On Thursday, December 11th, James Houston, Andrew Wilkinson and Eli Lloyd, all of Coal Creek mines, were brought up before P. M. Turner charged by the Crown's Nest Pass Coal Company with carrying matches into the mines. They all pleaded guilty and Houston was ordered to pay a fine of \$10 and costs, and Wilkinson and Lloyd \$5 and costs.

MIDWAY.

P. Burns & Co.'s meat market on Fifth street, was destroyed by fire last Friday morning. It is supposed that the fire originated from the stove. Efforts were made to save the contents of the burning structure, but the flames and smoke rendered such impossible. The building belonged to the firm and was not much of a loss in itself, but the stock and fixtures totalled about \$600. The firm will reopen immediately.

GREENWOOD.

The jackets, air blast and water pipes, and other iron work for the second blast furnace for the Montreal & Boston Copper Company's smelter at Boundary Falls, have arrived. The brick work to complete the furnace will be hurried on as quickly as good work can be done, the intention being, if possible, to have the new furnace ready for blowing in by the first week in January.

It is announced that the work of construction on the railway extension from Curlew, Washington, to Midway, is to be commenced forthwith, and preparations to supply the requirements of the men who will be employed on this work are already being made at Midway. This 15-mile length of line will be a link in the railroad coastwards, and it is believed that work on the road west of Midway will also be put in hand this winter.

GREENWOOD.

The necessity for some steps being taken in the direction of preventing the destruction of game to the extent it has been carried on in the Kettle River district, above Rock Creek, having become quite evident to those who desire to prevent its extermination, a public meeting was held here to determine upon action that will give promise of having this effect. There was an attendance of between 20 and 30, including several Midway residents, and Rev. Dr. MacRae was voted to the chair. After preliminary discussion it was resolved that those present form themselves into a forest and stream club, and the following officers and committee were elected: President, H. C. Shaw; vice-president, C. D. Thomet (Midway); secretary and treasurer, E. W. Monk; committee, George Findlay, J. P. Myers-Gray and W. O. Wright.

Thomas Burbank, of near Midway, when out at the head of Kerr creek, a tributary of Boundary creek, a few days ago came in five cougars, sitting together in the snow. Having his gun with him, he made good use of it, killing three of the group, the others getting away.

VANCOUVER.

A fine of \$50, with an alternative of four months' imprisonment, was imposed upon the Jap Sammon, who exercised himself unproprietiously on Dupont street on Monday night, and flourished a knife. The accused was also ordered to pay for the damage to Policeman Scott's great-coat, which was cut in making the arrest. Genrya, charge with interfering with the officer in the discharge of his duty, was fined \$25 or two months.

Another hold-up took place on Tuesday night. It was reported that the victim had lost his watch and chain and the sum of \$35 in bills. The hold-up, said to have happened on Eighth avenue, Mount Pleasant, at an early hour after dark.

Theodore Ludgate, the well known lumber and mill man, is lying ill at the Toronto General hospital, according to telegraphic advice to his brother, Wallace Ludgate, of this city. It is probable that he will be convalescent in a very short time.

The commissioners appointed by the Federal government to supervise the Canadian exhibit at the Japanese Industrial exhibition, which opens at Osaka, on March 1st, are registered at the Vancouver hotel, and will sail on the

Empress on Monday. The party is composed of William Hutchinson, chief commissioner, and W. H. Hay and William Jamieson. A handsome building measuring 108x75 feet has been erected for Canada's display, which promises to be a very creditable one. The goods, which were forwarded in seven cars from the East, will be shipped on the 31st will be included in the exhibit, as well as fruit, furs and other products of the country. British Columbia lumber mills will contribute to the display, and there will be a good exhibit also by British Columbia canneries.

Another rather peculiar accident occurred on Tuesday night, when M. J. Barr, of Barr & Anderson, the well known lacrosse player, was rather severely injured in the face. Mr. Barr was going homeward at the time, on Princess street. A small boy approached him, carrying an air gun or some such missile ejector, which he asked Mr. Barr to fix for him. Mr. Barr stopped and was about to look at the implement, which the boy extended towards him, when it was suddenly discharged in his face. The missile struck him on the cheek, and glanced toward his nose, which was partially severed.

MINE TO BE REOPENED.

An Ideal Concentrating Proposition on Sophie Mountain.

C. Williamson Milne, the wealthy Caledonia mining man, who recently visited Rossland, has announced that the Victory-Triumph mine will be reopened and operated.

The property is located on Sophie Mountain, in the vicinity of the Velvet, and has been closed for four years. When operated, the only transportation was over a bridge-path, and the big deposit of concentrating ore could not be utilized.

William Thompson, general manager of the Rossland-Kootenay Company, has made examination and states that the principal tunnel cuts through a shoot of ore 350 feet long, and having an average of 250 feet of backs. This body has fully 20,000 tons of pay ore in sight. The vein carries quartz-gangue, with gold, silver and copper values. The average is unknown until the vein is thoroughly sampled. Mr. Thompson says the property is an ideal concentrating proposition. Lower treatment and transportation charges now make it possible to operate the Victory-Triumph at a handsome profit, and Mr. Milne will take steps to arrange resumption immediately on returning to London. His idea is to install a "high speed" gravitation stamp mill, a new mechanical invention, and to pass the product of the mill over Wilfley tables, shipping the resulting concentrate to the smelter. He believes that Sophie Mountain is just entering on an era of renewed activity, and that it will produce several dividend-paying mines.

ROSSLAND CAMP.

Increase in Output Over Last Year Has Passed 50,000-Ton Mark.

"With last week's shipments the gain for the year to date over the tonnage produced in the Rossland camp last year passes the 50,000-ton mark," says E. Rossland Miner. "Approximately the increase is 25 per cent, and the fact will be noted with gratification locally and as significant elsewhere. Every ton of ore costs a certain sum to extract, and this sum is distributed in wages, so that the increase in tonnage must mean increased pay rolls for the mines shipping."

"The week has passed uneventfully in connection with the big mines. At the Le Roi the usual operations have been carried ahead, but the shipments are slightly less than was the case the previous week. The other big mines produced about their ordinary tonnage, while the Velvet and Giant properties sent out their usual quota."

"The shipments from the Rossland camp for the week ending December 20th follows: Le Roi, 3,170 tons; Centre Star, 1,800 tons; War Eagle, 1,350 tons; Giant, 90 tons; Velvet, 60 tons. Totals, 6,470 tons."

SALE COMPLETED.

Major Dupont Said to Have Purchased Site in New Westminster.

"The sale of the old Douglas hotel site, on Columbia, McKenzie and Front streets, has been completed, the purchaser being Major Dupont, of Victoria, the owner of the block on the other side of McKenzie street destroyed by fire a couple of weeks ago, and now being rebuilt. The price paid for this site, the best for the purpose in the city, is stated to have been about \$7,000; and the deal was put through by T. Fenron, who has just returned from a special trip to Victoria made on that business. The lots have been the property of the Cameron estate, and have been held at a much higher figure, \$13,000 having been refused a few years ago."

"The price now paid is considered low, but no doubt is better for the sellers than allowing further taxes to accumulate while waiting for a new opportunity to sell for ordinary business purposes. It is understood that construction of the hotel will be commenced very soon, and that it will be in every respect a first class institution."—New Westminster Columbian.

Smoking Jackets, \$3, 3.50, 5;

Dressing Gowns, \$7, 9, 10;

Mufflers, Scarfs, Ties, Gloves;

Suit Cases, \$3, 4, 5, 7.50.

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In re Victoria Real Property Tax Sale By-Law, 1902

And in re The Tax Sale to be held Under Above By-Law on Monday, the 29th Day of December, A.D., 1902.

In accordance with the directions this day given by the Honorable Mr. Justice Drake upon application to him for directions as to dispensing with or substituting notice of intention to sell, upon persons interested in the undermentioned properties: Public Notice is hereby given that, in default of payment of arrears of Taxes, Interest and Costs due to the Corporation of the City of Victoria, the undermentioned properties in Schedule "A" hereunder will be sold by Public Auction at the City Council Chambers, City Hall, Victoria, B. C., on Monday, the 29th day of December, A. D., 1902, at the hour of twelve o'clock noon.

Dated this twenty-second day of December, A. D., 1902.

CHAS. KENT,

Collector of the Corporation of the City of Victoria, B. C.

SCHEDULE "A."

Sub-Dir.	Lot.	Block.	Section.	Person to be Notified.	Nature of Interest.	Total Amount of Taxes, Interest and Costs due to the Corporation, which the Property is Subject to be Sold.
1902.	9.			Prosper Mene	Registered owner	\$3 74
1903.	9.			Prosper Mene	Registered owner	23 94
1904.	9.			John Finerty	Registered owner of half of the lot	23 94
1905.	9.			John Finerty	Mortgage	30 14
11.	A.	40-50, 4c.	Fairfield	James Beer	Agreement of sale	7 35
24.	A.	40-50, 4c.	Fairfield	James Beer	Agreement of sale	7 35
29.	E.	40-50, 4c.	Fairfield	Christian F. Bruch	Agreement of sale	8 56
29.	E.	40-50, 4c.	Fairfield	Christian F. Bruch	Registered owner	8 56
146.	B.	50.	Fernwood	Brustline Newman	Registered owner	8 56
8.	75.	Spring Ridge		Daniel McKay	Registered owner	8 56
East pt. S.	5-acre lot	12		John McTeigh	A trustee of the estate of John McTeigh, deceased	9 50

PATENT OFFICE REPORT.

Royland Brittain, patent attorney, of Vancouver, sends the following report, being an abstract from the Official Gazette of the United States patent office for the week ending December 9th, 1902: During this week 517 patents were issued. To citizens of the United States, 403; Austria-Hungary, 2; Canada, 8; Great Britain, 12; France, 7; Germany, 17; Italy, 2; New Zealand, 2; Russia, 2; and South Australia, 2.

R. McBride, of Elburne, has received this week a United States patent on his improved baling press. This machine, adapted for either horse or engine power, has demonstrated by hard practical farm work its claim as a serviceable and convenient press, simple, cheap and durable; while the principle of its design and scientific application of the power to the work required enables it to turn out as much work with a four or six horse-power engine as the ordinary run of presses with a 10 to 16 horse-power. Two machines have now been built, and another is in process of construction at the Vancouver Engineering Works, under the supervision of A. McLeod.

THE CANADIAN ALMANAC.

The present issue of the Canadian Almanac, which forms the fifty-sixth of the series, is unusually valuable, and is indispensable to every office and library in the Dominion. Many of the lists given are not found elsewhere, and in no other volume can so much information about Canada be found in so small a space. The almanac contains a full account of the census of Canada so far as issued, giving the population of all the districts in the various provinces. The militia information is very full and complete. The British government, British army and British navy are described in short, clear and interesting articles. The other departments of the almanac are revised and brought up to date, including the customs tariff, post office directory, list of banks, clergy, schools, colleges, societies and institutions, barristers, foreign consuls, county and municipal officers, division court clerks, police magistrates, life insurance,

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It is now reported that thirteen men were killed and 30 injured in the explosion at Hot Springs, Ark. The explosion was caused by the blowing up of a gasoline tank in Chambers & Waller's pool room.

Winnipeg merchants report the holiday trade the heaviest on record. The demand for luxuries for Christmas has been enormous and payments good.

BAD BLOOD.

Miss Mary M. Allan, Aton, Ont., says:—For nearly a year I was troubled with pimples on my face. I tried several remedies but none of them seemed to help me until I got Burdock Blood Bitters. I think it is a great remedy for bad blood, and take pleasure in letting you know that it did me more good than all the other remedies I tried.

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HEADACHES.

Mrs. Peter Bonfleur, Glen Lovin, N.B., says:—It was with pleasure and gratitude that I can testify to the wonderful power of Burdock Blood Bitters. My daughter was suffering for three years with headache and run-down system. I tried several kinds of medicine but to no effect. At last a friend urged me to try B.B.B. for her, and after using two bottles she was like another being. I can never praise it enough. It is a God-send to all.

Burdock Blood Bitters

DYSPEPSIA.

Miss Alberta Murray, Campbellton, N.B., says:—For five years I was troubled with dyspepsia, and whenever I ate anything I suffered untold agony. My parents got me several medicines for me but they did me no good. I saw Burdock Blood Bitters advertised and I somehow seemed to say, "get a bottle." I did so, and to my surprise before I finished the bottle I found relief. I took all told 3 bottles, and have had no return of the trouble.

CONSTIPATION.

Miss Nellie Huggan, Mergonish, N.S., says:—I was troubled with constipation for a year and tried different medicines, but they did me no good. I then took Burdock Blood Bitters and it cured me so that I have not been troubled since.

Mr. Whorren Barkley, Morrisburg, Ont., says:—I took three bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters for constipation and found a complete cure effected.

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Drain Tiles

Farmers and others wanting agricultural drain tiles will find it to their advantage to call at Messrs. Raymond & Sons, Government street, telephone 272; or to the manufacturer's yard.

Fire which broke out in a jewellery store in the business section of Corunna, Mich., destroyed property valued at \$4,000. Among the buildings destroyed was the First National Bank.

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FINNISH COLONISTS WILL HAVE A SCHOOL

The Union Pulp Company Incorporated—Courts of Revision and Appeal—Gazette Notices.

Malcolm Island is created into a school district, notice being given of it in this week's edition of the Provincial Gazette. The island is that set apart by the government to the Kalevan Kansan Colonization Company, a Finnish organization. The colonists have shown a strong disposition to acquire a knowledge of the English language, which the establishment of a school in their midst will give them the opportunity of satisfying.

Notice is also given in the Gazette of the constitution of the boards of examiners for the Michel and Morrissey mines for the year 1902.

The board for Michel is: Appointed by the owners, A. R. Wilson and John Lee; alternates, Wm. Powell and Robt. Middleton; appointed by the Lieut. Governor in council, Evan Evans, secretary; elected by the miners, Edmund Simister and Wm. Almond; alternates, Chas. Orban and Robt. G. Dugan.

The Morrissey board is: Appointed by the owners, H. F. Martin and Charles Simister; alternates, Patrick Murray and Wm. Johnson; appointed by the Lieut. Governor in council, J. K. Miller, secretary; elected by the miners, Philip Christopher and J. E. Bollusky; alternates, Alex. Hamilton and J. T. Davis.

The "Union Power & Pulp Company, Limited," has been incorporated with a capital of \$25,000, divided into shares of \$1 each. Among the objects for which the company has been incorporated is to acquire, timber limits and manufacture pulp and paper; to engage in fishing and in the curing and canning of fish; to develop mining properties and operate smelters; to construct a hotel and to do a general mercantile business.

Notice is also given of the incorporation of "The Province Mines, Limited," with a capital of \$100,000, divided into shares of 10 cents each. The company has for its object the development of mines on the south fork of Kaslo Creek.

The following sittings of the Court of Revision and Appeal for the districts named are given:

For the assessment district of Keweenaw—At Parson's Bridge on Monday, the 5th day of January, 1903, at 11 o'clock a.m.

For that portion of North Victoria assessment district known as North Saanich—At Sidney on Tuesday, the 6th day of January, 1903, at 12 o'clock m.

For the assessment district of South Victoria—At John Camp's, Saanichton, on Tuesday, the 6th day of January, 1903, at 2 o'clock p.m., and at the Royal Oak on Wednesday, the 7th day of January, at 11 o'clock a.m.

For the assessment district of Victoria city, Coast and Islands—At the court house, Bastion square, on Thursday, the 8th day of January, 1903, at 11 o'clock a.m.

Notice to creditors in the winding up of the Lennox-Mount Sicker Copper Mining Company, Limited, is given, and also of the appointment of J. S. H. Matson as official liquidator.

A. E. C. McDowell, of Dalton Trail, post inspector Northwest Mounted Police, and Robert E. Brett, of Victoria, have been appointed justices of the peace.

William Empey McLean, Revelstoke, mining recorder, has been appointed deputy district registrar of the Revelstoke registry of the Supreme court, deputy registrar of the County court of Kootenay, registrar for the purposes of the Marriage Act, and deputy registrar of births, deaths and marriages.

TIDE TABLE.

(Issued by the tidal survey branch of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa.)

Date	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
1	7:03	7.8	9:06	7.7	11:16	8.7	21:52	1.4
2	7:53	7.9	9:56	7.8	12:04	8.4	22:27	1.6
3	8:36	8.0	10:39	7.8	12:46	8.1	22:56	1.6
4	9:14	8.0	11:22	7.7	13:24	7.7	23:23	2.3
5	9:53	8.0						
6	10:23	8.2	9:02	7.9				
7	11:04	8.4	9:06	8.0				
8	11:47	8.6	9:29	8.1	10:26	8.2	21:33	5.3
9	12:22	8.7	9:59	8.3	10:53	8.3	22:54	5.5
10	12:58	8.4	10:36	8.6	11:23	8.6		
11	1:38	8.7	11:03	8.8	11:58	8.8	18:59	2.7
12	1:58	8.7	11:46	8.8	12:46	8.8	19:15	2.7
13	2:18	8.7	12:22	8.7	13:24	8.7	20:03	3.0
14	2:38	8.7	12:58	8.7	14:03	8.7	20:20	3.1
15	2:58	8.7	13:34	8.7	14:43	8.7	20:46	3.0
16	3:18	8.7	14:10	8.7	15:24	8.7	21:20	2.6
17	3:38	8.7	14:46	8.7	16:04	8.7	21:52	2.0
18	3:58	8.7	15:22	8.7	16:44	8.7	22:27	1.6
19	4:18	8.7	16:00	8.7	17:24	8.7	23:00	1.1
20	4:38	8.7	16:38	8.7	18:04	8.7	23:30	0.6
21	4:58	8.7	17:16	8.7	18:44	8.7	24:00	0.1
22	5:18	8.7	17:54	8.7	19:24	8.7		
23	5:38	8.7	18:32	8.7	20:04	8.7		
24	5:58	8.7	19:10	8.7	20:44	8.7		
25	6:18	8.7	19:48	8.7	21:24	8.7		
26	6:38	8.7	20:26	8.7	22:04	8.7		
27	6:58	8.7	21:04	8.7	22:44	8.7		
28	7:18	8.7	21:42	8.7	23:24	8.7		
29	7:38	8.7	22:20	8.7	24:04	8.7		
30	7:58	8.7	22:58	8.7				
31	8:18	8.7	23:36	8.7				

The time used in Pacific standard for the 120 Meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours from midnight to midnight. The height is in feet and tenths of a foot. Reckoned at Dry Dock—From observations during six months, May to October, compared with simultaneous observations continued at Victoria by Mr. P. N. Denison.

Zero of above heights corresponds to 11 feet in the fairway of Victoria harbor.

—Steamer Amur will not leave for Skagway until the first of the new month, the date on which the Tees will also depart for northern British Columbia ports.

—Midnight mass was celebrated at the St. Andrew's Cathedral on Christmas Eve, there being a large attendance. As usual the musical feature of the service was very attractive, and under the direction of Mr. Marick was carried out very successfully.

—The provincial secretary, Hon. W. W. B. McInnes, has decided that Ald. R. T. Williams, who holds the office of government book binder, and John Hall, who is employed in the government printing office, are not eligible as candidates for aldermanic honors. The provincial secretary holds that their employment in the civil service renders it impossible for them to enter the contest.

WILL DONATE UNIVERSITY.

Henry C. Frick, it is Reported, Will Outdo A. Carnegie.

Bitter rivalry and jealousy between Henry C. Frick and Andrew Carnegie will probably result in Pittsburgh, Pa., being the recipient of a brand new university—ground, buildings and endowment—that it is asserted by those who know, will make the Carnegie Polytechnic school in the Smoky City look like 30 cents. Of course the donor will be Henry C. Frick, once Carnegie's close friend and business partner—now his bitter enemy. This statement is given out by a man who speaks with authority and it is believed he is voicing the sentiments and plans of Mr. Frick.

According to the authority referred to Mr. Frick will not only pay for the erection of the buildings, but will donate the ground upon which the university is erected and then set \$2,500,000 aside as an endowment fund or as much in addition as may be necessary. It has always been one of the rules of Mr. Carnegie in making donations to stipulate that the city shall furnish the site and pay for its maintenance.

Mr. Carnegie gave for the technical school \$2,000,000. In a speech that he made during his last visit to Pittsburgh, he said that he would give as much more as was necessary. But the piece of land that the city secured for his school is an insignificant one and probably would not hold more buildings than have already been provided for. The site is not the one which Mr. Carnegie preferred. He wanted a site in the Schenley estate, almost adjoining the plot of ground which Mr. Frick has acquired. The latter's site is as large as the one purchased by the city for the technical school and there is almost unlimited space adjoining, upon some of which Mr. Frick already has options.

But it is asserted that no matter what amount of money Carnegie spends on his buildings for the technical school Frick will double them. The latter has already progressed so far that Mr. Frick has several noted architects travelling in Europe studying the various styles of architecture. His buildings will be the most magnificent that money can erect.

The bitter feeling which now exists between Mr. Frick and Mr. Carnegie started about three years ago. Mr. Frick, desiring to secure Mr. Carnegie's holdings in the steel concern, offered the latter \$200,000,000 for his stock. He gave \$1,000,000 for the option. At the last moment J. P. Morgan, who was in the deal, backed out, and Mr. Frick was unable to raise the total amount. It was scarcely thought that Mr. Carnegie would take the money that was put up for the option, but he took it. Afterward Mr. Carnegie sold out for over \$300,000,000. Frick was forced himself to the front, and the coldness between him and Mr. Carnegie increased, on account, it is alleged, of Frick attracting more attention than Mr. Carnegie. Finally the breach became complete and the two men became bitter enemies.

While Mr. Carnegie is far the wealthier man, Mr. Frick has an income which is estimated at over \$2,000,000 a year. He will spend millions to outstrip his former partner.

REDLEY'S WARM EXPERIENCE.

Robert Downing's Business Manager Had a Narrow Squeeze in Dawson.

Harry Redley, manager of the Robert Downing Company, was in Dawson, Yukon, after an experience which would turn some heads gray. It was the burning of the McDonald hotel. Owing to the severe cold the fire department was for a long time unable to handle the flames. As the hotel was burning from the top down, it seemed safe to remain on the lower floors while the flames were blazing away like a volcano. Harry and his wife were at the theatre when the fire broke out. As all their earthly treasures were in their room at the hotel, he, when he heard of it, made a run. While he was hastily en route, he was packing up the things lying about, the flames, unknown to him, drove every one else from that floor. Then the wind switched around, and the crowds on the streets saw the flames take possession of the very room where Redley had appeared at the window a moment before to throw some small trunk of clothing. He was seen at the window in the smoke for a moment, and a yell went up for a ladder. The ladders were all on the other side of the building, and the fire would not wait. The crowd was rapidly worked up to a fever heat of sympathetic agony, which culminated in an audible groan as the slight figure of the actor was observed to be climbing out of the window, with nothing to get by, and which was but three inches wide. The next window at one side was yet unbroken, and the raging fire could be seen through the glass. The window was five feet away, and afforded no safety even if he reached it, as it was seen he was attempting to do. Had it been known that Redley was for years an athlete and acrobat, the feat which the crowd was now treated to would not have proved so thrilling. From window to window he made his way until there were no more. The fire had appeared at each window as he passed it, breaking the glass with a crash and streaming out into the wintry air with a heat which drove back the crowd on the street below. Some seven feet from the window at which Redley now stood was the iron fire escape.

There was no foothold to leap from, or the flames would not have seemed so agonizingly great. No ladders were yet forthcoming. Just as the heat within the building reached its peak, and the flames darted out five feet into the street, Redley was seen to jump. The slim young fellow landed on a projection and was seen to be hanging by his hands, unable to draw himself up to the platform to await the ladder, which was now coming rapidly toward him, and whether he could hang on with that intense heat at his back, was the question. But he did hold on, and was rescued a moment later with nothing worse than a case of exhaustion, burned clothes and scorched neck, and the loss of all his valuables and wardrobe.

PENSION FUND.

Details Regarding Scheme By Which C. P. R. Employees Are Entitled to Retiring Allowances.

The management of the C. P. R. Co. has issued the details of its plan of superannuation under which its officers and permanent employees, who, after years of faithful service, have reached an age when they are unequal to the further performance of their duties, will become entitled to a retiring allowance. "The system adopted calls for no contribution from the employees themselves," says the president, Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, in his circular accompanying the rules and regulations. "The company hopes by thus voluntarily establishing a system under which a continued income will be assured to those who after years of continuous service are by age or infirmity no longer fitted to perform their duties, and without which they might be left entirely without means of support, to build up among them a feeling of permanency in their employment, an enlarged interest in the company's welfare, and a desire to remain and to devote their best efforts and attention to the company's service."

The pension department is to be operated by a special committee, composed of the president, the vice-presidents and the chief solicitor, their deliberations being subject to the approval of the board. The benefits of the pension fund apply only to those persons who have been required to give their entire time to the company, estimated upon the proportion of salary or wages received. The age limit is 65 years. The usual physical examination when retirement is asked is provided for.

The pension allowance authorized shall be graded upon the following basis: For each year of service an allowance of one per cent, of the average monthly pay received for the ten years preceding retirement. For instance, an employee has been in the service for forty years and received on an average for the last ten years fifty dollars per month, the pension allowance would be forty per cent, of fifty dollars, or twenty dollars per month.

The acceptance of a pension allowance does not deprive a retired employee from engaging in other business, but such retired employee cannot so engage in other business nor re-enter the service of the company, except with the consent of the committee, without forfeiting his pension allowance. The establishment and continuance of this system of pensions is entirely a voluntary act on the part of the company, and as the employees do not in any way contribute towards it, neither the action of the board of directors in establishing such a system, nor any other action now or hereafter taken by them or by the committee in the inauguration or operation of the pension department shall be construed as giving to any officer or employee of the company a legal right to be retained in its service, or any legal right or claim to pension allowance.

While it is the policy of the company to encourage its employees to remain with it and by faithful service to earn a pension, the company expressly reserves its right and privilege to discharge at any time any officer, agent, or employee, in its judgment, may so require, without liability for any claim for pension or other allowance than the salary or wages due and unpaid.

THOUSANDS ARE DEAD.

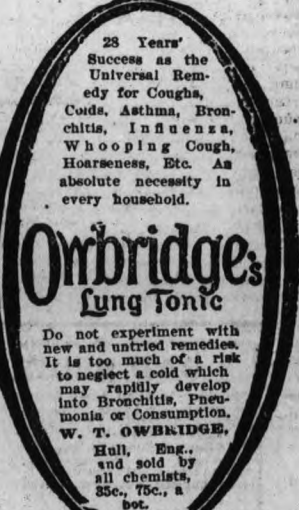
Healthy People on Greek Island Vaccinated With Smallpox Lymph.

A shocking story is published by the Neues Wiener Journal, Vienna, of the smallpox scourge in the Furi Islands, near Samoa, Greek Archipelago. More than a thousand persons are dead at the Furi Islands, which are inhabited by 500 Greek families.

When smallpox broke out the Turkish authorities quarantined the islands, and the people, being without doctors, resorted to the expedient of vaccinating the healthy people with lymph from the sufferers, and the disease spread rapidly in all directions. There is no confirmation of the story.

—Members of the Times staff were on Wednesday afternoon presented with a fine, and needless to say, much appreciated box of cigars, the donor being Mr. Dallas Helmcken, M. P. P.

Henry Evans, of Billings Bridge, has received word of the death of his son William, in South Africa, who went out with the first Canadian Mounted Rifles.



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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that at the next session of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia application will be made by the Victoria & Esquimalt Telephone Company, Limited, for an Act to amend its Act of incorporation authorizing the Company, among other things, to increase its capital stock and borrowing powers, and to purchase, lease, take over or otherwise acquire the property, franchises, rights and powers of any other Company having similar objects to the said Company.

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WM. W. NORTHCOOT, Assessor.

BIRTH.
MELLIS—On the 26th inst., the wife of James M. Mellis, of a daughter. (Vancouver papers please copy.)

MARRIED.
LORENZ—On the 15th inst., at Port Esquimalt, the wife of E. Lorenz, of a son.

MCDERMID—At Nelson, on Dec. 21st, the wife of E. B. McDermid, of a son.

MARKHAM-REID—At New Westminster, on Dec. 22nd, by Rev. A. R. Vert, W. B. Markham and Miss Reid.

DONNELLY-WHITE—At Vancouver, on Dec. 23rd, by Rev. R. G. MacBeth, J. A. Donnelly and Miss Emily White.

PERRY-WILLIE—At Vancouver, on Dec. 23rd, by Rev. J. M. MacLeod, Harry Perry and Miss Minnie Willie.

DIED.
HANRAHAN—At Vancouver, on Dec. 24th, E. Hanrahan, aged 85 years.

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